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The joy on Mike Robinson's face tells the Brighton story as he and Steve Gattin (right) congratulate Wembley hero Gary Stevens (5) on his dramatic equaliser.

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# 'We let United



Oh yes! Manchester United goalkeeper Gary Bailey celebrates Frank Stapleton's equaliser.

TONY Grealish, inspirational stand-in skipper of the Brighton braves, declared after Saturday's thrilling Final: "We let United off the hook."

"Our performance filled me with confidence. It wasn't misplaced optimism — I firmly believed the Cup was bound for Brighton. "Towards the end of the game we looked much stronger than United and we could have scored twice in extra time. Gordon Smith was very unlucky not to win it for us in the dying seconds."

Scottish striker Gordon will be haunted by that miss. It would have been a dramatic end to an epic Final. He was put clear by Michael Robinson but his shot went straight to Gary Bailey.

Eire international Tony says: "I felt desperately sorry for Gordon. I'd have loved to have seen him score the winner. I think he had too much time."

"But I was proud of my team. They all played very well," says Tony, who came out of the players tunnel wearing a white headband — a defiant protest over the banning of Steve Foster.

"Although we would have loved to have won at the first attempt I'm glad that 'Fozzie' was playing on Thursday. He deserved to be with us," says Tony.

The man who kept Manchester United in the game — goalkeeper Gary Bailey, said afterwards: "Gordon Smith's shot was the only thing I had to do the entire match."

"United had pushed forward in the last ten minutes and that had left us exposed at the back. Kevin Moran was covering Michael Robinson but there was no-one marking Smith."

"I couldn't believe it when I saw him on his own. At first I waited for an offside whistle but it never came."

"Luckily he shot straight at me and the ball stuck between my legs. If I had saved it properly it might have rebounded back to him."

Gary admits that as he squared up to Gordon Smith memories of his mistake in the last seconds of the 1979 FA Cup Final against Arsenal came flooding back.

On that occasion Gary failed to meet a cross and Alan Sunderland nipped in to score and round off one of the most thrilling Finals ever.

While Gary thwarted Brighton at the death, his opposite number, Graham Moseley, pulled off a number of breathtaking saves as United went on the rampage after scoring the equaliser.

Gary paid tribute to Graham: "He had a tremendous game. He was diving here, there and everywhere. Imagine how he would have felt if Brighton had lost after a performance like that."

Manager Ron Atkinson admitted that he thought United had lost as Smith prepared to shoot: "I expected the lad to score and that would have been it for us. There was no time left for a comeback."

But the Old Trafford side shouldn't have given Brighton the pleasure of extra-time. With just three minutes to go they were 2-1 ahead and the red and white ribbons were being placed on the coveted trophy.

"It was a lack of concentration in defence," admitted United's Mike Duxbury, who set up the equaliser for striker Frank Stapleton.

"Even when we were 1-0 down at half-time I thought we'd win it. The game was going like

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## Black blasts unlucky Rangers



Eric Black — last-gasp  
matchwinner for Aberdeen.

THE Scottish Cup Final seemed certain to go to a replay... but Aberdeen's Eric Black had different ideas.

With just four minutes of extra time left to play, the youngster popped up to score the only goal of the game and so retain the trophy for the 'Dons'.

Says Eric: "We never really looked like scoring up to that point, but even with only a few minutes to go I felt we could win."

"The goal came a bit out of the blue. The ball came to me from Neil Simpson and I turned to play it out to Mark McGhee."

"His shot ricocheted off Craig Paterson, landed straight on my head and I knocked it home. It wasn't the best goal I've scored but I'll remember it for a long time."

The Final never lived up to its pre-match billing, with neither

Aberdeen or Rangers finding their best form.

Says Eric: "We certainly didn't play to our full potential and I don't think we really deserved to win on the day."

### Tired

"It's been a long, hard season for us and I think the lads were probably a bit tired... that's the only thing I can put it down to."

"Everyone gave 100 per cent but we just couldn't get it together. We were disappointed with our performance but at the end of the day we got the result we wanted."

Eric was full of praise for Rangers, who were looking to salvage something from what has been a disastrous season by their own high standards.

"They haven't had the best of seasons but I thought they played really well on Saturday. They can consider themselves unlucky to have come away with nothing," he says.

Eric's Cup winning goal was his second in successive Finals.

ABERDEEN (0) 1 (Black 116)  
RANGERS (0) 0  
(after extra time)  
Att: 62,979 (at Hampden Park)



# off the hook'

## -Tony Grealish

Tony Grealish, who deputised for suspended Steve Foster as Brighton's Wembley skipper, said: "I felt desperately sorry for Gordon Smith. He was unlucky not to win it for us."



our Semi-Final against Arsenal. And when Ray Wilkins scored that superb goal I was convinced we'd done it. Unfortunately Brighton had other ideas.

"It was an anti-climax when the final whistle went. I was emotionally and physically drained and yet there was nothing to show for it."

Brighton's speedie winger Neil Smillie headed towards Brighton's helicopter — the same one that was used by the Pope on his visit to Britain — and admitted: "I can't wait for the replay."

"Playing in an FA Cup Final is a once in a lifetime experience. It's going to happen to me twice. I'm looking forward to sampling the tremendous atmosphere of the occasion again."

**BRIGHTON (1) 2 (Smith 13, Stevens 87)**  
**MAN. UTD (0) 2 (Stapleton 55, Wilkins 72)**  
 (after extra time)  
 Att: 100,000 (at Wembley)

**NEXT WEEK:** 'Match' is first again with exclusive colour pictures from the FA Cup Final replay.



Young Alan Davies — a shock replacement for the injured Steve Coppell — evades a challenge from Brighton's Jimmy Case.



Dons skipper Willie Miller, pictured after last year's Cup Final, collected the prized trophy again on Saturday after his side beat Rangers for the second successive season.

Less than a fortnight ago he set his side on the road to victory with a goal against Real Madrid in the European Cup Winners' Cup Final.

"That was a marvellous night but winning the Scottish Cup gave me just as much pleasure," he says. "It's been a great season for me and I couldn't have wished for a better ending."

It will have been no shock to 'Match' readers that Brighton took an early lead against Manchester United. We told you it was on the cards last week in an exclusive guide to the goal power of each team.

This is what we said: 'Brighton are the faster starters and may well go a goal up inside 15 minutes but United are worth an equaliser on past form.'

After the break it could be United's turn to go ahead, but 'Seagulls' fans shouldn't despair if their team is behind with just fifteen minutes to go, because

that's when the underdogs from the South coast are most likely to hit the net.'

● Celtic skipper Danny McGrain correctly predicted victory for Aberdeen in the Scottish Cup Final when he analysed each team in last week's 'Match Weekly'.

And this is what he said of matchwinner Eric Black before the game: 'He is very deceptive. People tend to lay off him because he's on the small side but before they know it the ball is in the back of the net. Finishing is his forte — he's deadly.'

### WEMBLEY FACTS

|                    | Brighton | Man Utd. |
|--------------------|----------|----------|
| Corners for        | 7        | 11       |
| Free kicks against | 18       | 20       |
| Offsides against   | 2        | 4        |
| Shots on target    | 6        | 6        |
| Shots off target   | 9        | 4        |

● OF the 12 stars interviewed by 'Match' prior to Saturday's Wembley Final only two — Newcastle's Chris Waddle and QPR skipper Terry Fenwick correctly forecast the match would be drawn.

Chris went for Brighton to win the replay 1-0, while Terry predicted a resounding 3-0 win for Ron Atkinson's men. Who will prove to be the master tipster?

Pages 10 and 11 — Colour action from Wembley — **EXCLUSIVE!**  
 Page 12 — Nice on Frank! Stapleton's saver.



# GREAT NEW SERIES

WELCOME to the first of three great new series which begin in your favourite soccer magazine this week.

'My Team' is a super series where winning managers talk frankly about their teams with fascinating and often amusing player-by-player profiles.

Kicking off is Dave Bassett — manager of Fourth Division Champions Wimbledon.

'My Team' is a series you won't want to miss so place a regular order with your newsagent by filling in the order form opposite.



By Dave Bassett

THE current squad at Wimbledon is the best-ever assembled at Plough Lane.

And next season I believe we've got a good chance of surviving in the Third Division. In the past we've tended to bounce between the two grades — so much so that I've often thought about approaching Otis, the lift manufacturers, for sponsorship.

Staying up has got to be our main objective because it's something we've never done before. On the last two occasions, we came straight back down again.

Two seasons ago, when we were last relegated, we fought an uphill battle from the

start. I had the heart ripped out of my side through injuries and had to rely on kids and free transfer signings.

Myself and assistant manager Alan Gillett put in a lot of hard work last season and the players responded. I've been impressed with their determination and enthusiasm.

We started off very well, but fell away badly in November — just after I'd won the Bells Whisky Fourth Division Manager of the Month award.

We didn't win a game that month and went down 4-2 at home to Halifax — our worst performance of the season. I was desperately disappointed with my team after that game.

I felt their attitude was all wrong. They strolled around the pitch as if promotion was a certainty. They thought they'd arrived.

That defeat taught them a lesson. You can't take anything for granted in football.

One of the highspots of the season was our 1-0 win over fellow promotion chasers Swindon on Boxing Day. They were going well at the time and we showed great character to win at their place.

Overall, the lads have done me proud and I'm sure if they show the same attitude next season we won't have to worry.

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**DAVE BEASANT:** Nicknamed 'Lurch', because at 6ft 4ins he looks like the character out of The Addams Family! Dave is an extremely good athlete and he is quick, agile and very safe.

Quite a few top clubs have watched him and I once had an offer of £40,000 from Geoff Hurst when he was at Chelsea. At 24, he is still young for a 'keeper and has a lot more to learn.

**GARY PETERS:** My left-back and captain. I got him on a free from Fulham at the beginning of last season because I felt we needed experience in defence. He's a winner, very determined and leads by example.

The other lads call him 'Bosher' because he doesn't understand the word gentle. He never kicks the ball less than 40 yards!

**BRIAN SPARROW:** Since coming on loan from Arsenal, he's never been on a losing 'Dons' side. I'd like to sign him if his club don't want a fee.

He's ideally built for a full-back and is a good touch player. His brother John plays for Exeter.

**MICK SMITH:** Known as 'Locknut' because he's a bit tasty in the air. He cost me £12,500 from Lincoln four years ago. At six foot, he's a big, determined lad — the sort you'd want to be left with at Dunkirk!

**STEVE HATTER:** I had to raise a few bob this season to bring the centre-half from Fulham after an impressive loan spell here. He's good in the air, has a nice left foot and is a good passer of the ball.

He could improve his defending in one-against-one situations although that should come with experience.

**STEVE GALLIERS:** 'The Midget'. I sold him to Crystal Palace for £70,000 the season before last and bought him back for £15,000. He had an unhappy spell at Selhurst and his confidence took a knock. He played better in his first spell here.

But he's an all-action player who is very quick and sharp. I'd like him to score more goals. He has a tendency to shoot when he should pass and vice versa.

**STEVE KETTERIDGE:** The club's best player last

Cup happy. Wimbledon skipper Gary Peters with the Fourth Division trophy.



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**MY TEAM!** Manager Dave Bassett with his championship winning team. Back row (left to right) — Steve Hatter, Paul Fishenden, Mick Smith, Dave Beasant (and Dave Bassett!), Wally Downes, Mark Morris, Stewart Evans. Front row — Gary Peters (captain), Brian Sparrow, Kevin Gage, Steve Galliers, Glyn Hodges, Dean Thomas, Steve Ketteridge.



# ALL-SORTS

**INTERVIEW:** Anthony Hawkswell.  
**PICTURES:** Philip Bagnall.

season . . . and to think I was going to give him a free transfer last year! In the end, I thought: 'Why should another club reap the benefit of all the hard work we've put into him.'

The 23-year-old midfielder works very hard and never stops running. He's known as 'Weed' because all the other players bash him up!

**WALLY DOWNES:** Known as 'Gob'. This man is a nutcase! He's always doing stupid things like letting down the car tyres of other players and nicking their gear. He once rang Dave Beasant pretending to be Bob Paisley and asked him if he was interested in playing for Liverpool.

Despite that, he's got lots of ability and had a good season even though he's been playing with a pelvic injury for the last 18 months.

**STEWART EVANS:** Scored 15 goals, but it should have been more. There's room for improvement from 'Bambi' who needs to be more of an extrovert.

I got him from Sheffield United on a free and the 22-year-old has settled in well and proved to be a willing worker. He's good in the air and reminds me of Watford's Ross Jenkins.

**JOHN LESLIE:** Our leading scorer, but I'd have given him a free last close season if his contract had been up. He had a

nightmare in the Third Division.

The 27-year-old is a born goalscorer and applied himself better last term. He's got the ability but he needs to be more determined.

**GLYN HODGES:** His disciplinary record the season before last left much to be desired — he clocked up a record 51 points! We had a long chat during the

*Wally Downes — described by his manager as the nutcase in the Wimbledon side.*



break and his attitude since has been excellent.

Glyn played for Wales Under 21s last year and has got talent, control and vision. He plays wide midfield and I've had battles with him in the past trying to get him to work harder at his game.

**ALAN CORK:** When he returned from 18 months' absence because of injury it was like having spent £40,000 on a new striker. He slotted in so well it was difficult to believe he'd been away. He got five goals in his first six games.

Everyone calls him 'Baldie' because of his lack of hair and kid him he's really 44 and not 24.

**MARK MORRIS:** Useful young reserve to have around. He can play centre-half, full-back and the odd time in midfield — if you're lucky!

'Guppy' — he goes around with his mouth open like the fish — is a real battler. He first came into the side when things weren't going well the season before last and proved his mettle.

**KEVIN GAGE:** England Youth international last year. He's very talented and has good control. He had a spell in the side before illness and eventually lost his place to Glyn Hodges.

Unfortunately, he cracked his ribs against Halifax. At 19 he's still learning the game and could prove a very good attacking midfield player in the next few years.

**DEAN THOMAS:** Cost me £8,000 from Nuneaton Borough and he's been worth the money. He can play

left-back or midfield. He's currently on duty in Finland after recovering from a cartilage injury.

Because of his moustache everyone calls him 'Adolf'. The question is: 'Did he write those fake Hitler Diaries?'

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# SUBBUTEO BROTHERS PLAY FOR ENGLAND

CHELTENHAM brothers David and Peter Matthews will be carrying England's hopes in the first-ever Match Weekly/Subbuteo Home International Championships being staged at Butlins in Filey, Yorkshire, this Sunday (kick-off 11 am).

After winning the English senior and junior titles at Wembley last month, the brothers feared they might have to hand over their international caps because of examination pressures.

But the lure of representing their country was too great, and they will, after all, be bidding to complete a great family 'double' by lifting the Butlins/Subbuteo Home International Trophy.

However, they can expect a stiff challenge for the Championship from the other three Home Countries.

Scotland and Northern Ireland both have players in their sides who have experienced international tournaments in John McGiffen (Scotland) and Jim Skelly (Northern Ireland).

Although John McGiffen will be wearing the blue of Scotland once again, his junior partner, Bobby Goldie is making his debut.

Simon Gold and Robert Thomas will be hoping to breathe some Welsh fire into the tournament, while Brian Cairns joins the experienced Jim Skelly in the green of Northern Ireland.

Spectators are more than welcome to go along and savour the atmosphere of international Subbuteo, and if you take along this cutting or a copy of this issue of Match Weekly, you can qualify for a mystery prize!

■ **NORWICH** Boss Ken Brown has won his first Bell's Scotch Whisky 'Manager of the Month' award. He was selected after a club record run of ten undefeated League matches, including five wins and two draws in April, which pulled City clear of the Division One relegation zone.

■ **THE** England non-League team are in action at Scarborough next week in a four-nations tournament. The squad is:

David Clarke (Blyth), Derek Richardson (Maidstone), Keith Barratt (Enfield), John Davison (Altrincham), Phillip Darbyshire (Mossley), Neil Sellars (Scarborough), Mark Ward (Northwich), Nick Ironton (Enfield), Jeff Johnson (Altrincham), Alan Cordice (Wealdstone), Colin Williams (Telford), Noel Ashford (Enfield), John Watson (Maidstone), Mick Joyce (Sutton United).

# COWANS

ENGLAND'S newest recruit Gordon Cowans looked back on an eventful season and declared: "I've done what I set out to do."

"It had always been my ambition to play for my country and, when I began the season, I had my sights set on making the squad and getting a couple of games under my belt."

Although Aston Villa had an indifferent season, Gordon managed to maintain a level of consistency which had evaded him earlier in his career.

And it was his sparkling form week in, week out, which earned him the 'Midlands Player of the Year' award.

"It was a great honour to pick up the award because the

Midlands is a big area with a lot of good clubs and players," says the midfield star. "It capped a marvellous season for me."

But it's also been a season littered with disappointments. Villa were knocked out of the Milk Cup at the first hurdle by Notts County and made their exit from the FA Cup at the hands of Arsenal in the Sixth Round.

Added to that, they were knocked off their European throne by Juventus in a physical, nail-biting Quarter-Final clash.

"That was very disappointing, especially after our success in the competition last year, but at least we went out to probably the best side in Europe," says the 24-year-old.

"Our League form has not been too brilliant this season, in

# LOAN TRANSFERS DURING MARCH

Kevin Arnott — Sheff United to Rotherham; Brian Attley — Derby to Oxford; Keith Bowen — Brentford to Colchester; Kenny Burns — Leeds to Derby; Michael Carter — Plymouth to Hereford; Phil Cavener — Burnley to Bradford City; David Crown — Portsmouth to Exeter; Peter Gleasure — Millwall to Northampton; Tony Godden — West Brom to Luton; Stuart Gray — Nott'm Forest to Bolton; Tyrone James — Plymouth to Torquay; Mark Kearney — Everton to Mansfield; Mark Lawrence — Hartlepool to Port Vale; Mark Leonard — Everton to Tranmere; John Linford — Ipswich to Southend; Brian McDermott — Arsenal to Fulham; Alan McDonald — QPR to Charlton; Paul McGee — Burnley to Dundalk; Neil McNab — Brighton to Portsmouth; Paul Maddy — Cardiff to Hereford; David Miller — Burnley to Crewe; Kevin Moore — Newport to Swindon; Donal Murphy — Blackburn to Bohemians; Gordon Owen — Sheff Wed to Chesterfield; Mark Proctor — Nott'm Forest to Sunderland; Mark Rhodes — Rotherham to Mansfield; Bryan Robson — Chelsea to Carlisle; Keith Robson — Leicester to Carlisle; Colin Ross — Middlesbrough to Chesterfield; Michael Saxby — Luton to Grimsby; Trevor Senior — Portsmouth to Aldershot; Glenn Skivington — Grimsby to Bury; Eric Steele — Watford to Cardiff; Ian Stewart — QPR to Millwall; Andy Thomas — Oxford to Derby; Martin Thomas — Bristol Rovers to Newcastle; Chris Thompson — Bolton to Lincoln; Tony Towner — Rotherham to Sheff Utd; Mark Whitlock — Southampton to Aldershot; David Wilkes — Barnsley to Halifax; Rhys Wilmot — Arsenal to Hereford.

**TRANSFERRED BACK:** Kevin Arnott — Blackburn to Sheff United; John Linford — Colchester to Ipswich; Billy Steel — Wrexham to Oldham; Steve White — Luton to Charlton.



# SALUTE TO PHIL

LIVERPOOL stalwart Phil Thompson (pictured with an admiring fan), who recently collected a record seventh Football League Championship medal, was both a winner and a loser in his testimonial match.

Nearly 19,000 turned up at Anfield to give him a bumper pay night, but an England XI defeated the champions 2-0 with Paul Mariner and Gary Shaw scoring either side of the interval.



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fact we've been diabolical away from home.

"But we seemed to get things sorted out as the season wore on and were able to maintain a serious challenge for a European place."

Gordon made his international debut in the British Championship against Wales at Wembley in February.

"I really enjoyed the game and was pleased with my contribution," he says. "I felt I did well enough to keep my place for the Greece game so I was naturally disappointed when I ended up on the bench."

"But I was back in the side for the European Championship game against Hungary and now I hope to establish myself as a regular member of Bobby

Robson's squad," adds Gordon, whose contract at Villa expired at the end of the season.

He has been engaged in talks with manager Tony Barton about renewing his contract, but at the time of going to press, no decision had been made.

The midfielder told 'Match' at the time: "I would be happy to stay at Villa if the terms are right but at the moment there are still things to sort out."

"I have never thought about leaving Villa Park but, if I'm not satisfied with the club's offer, then I may have to look elsewhere."

"I've been at the club since I left school and I've always been very happy here. Naturally I would like to stay."



*A silver season for Gordon Cowans (left) and Stoke's Mark Chamberlain. Gordon was voted Midlands 'Player of the Year' and Mark was named best young player.*

## MATCH CHAT

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

■ **MORTON**, relegated from the Scottish Premier Division, have sacked manager Benny Rooney who had been in charge for seven years.

■ **NORWICH** City won the FA Youth Cup for the first time, beating Everton 1-0 in a replay at Goodison Park watched by a crowd of 20,000, 8,000 more than watched Everton's preceeding First Division home game against Coventry.

Paul Clayton scored the winning goal for the Norwich side that is coached by ex-Canaries favourite Dave Stringer.

**NEWCASTLE** striker Imre Varadi believes Second Division champions Queen's Park Rangers will be a team to watch in the top flight next season.

"They have a big enough squad to cope with life in the First Division," says the former Everton player, who formed a profitable partnership with Kevin Keegan at St James' Park last season.

"They won the title quite easily and were worthy winners, although I believe their artificial pitch was a big advantage to them," he adds.

"I didn't like it. The bounce is awkward and the ball is very difficult to control."

But Imre isn't too sure about the chances of Wolves in the First Division: "They didn't impress me that much when we played them last season."

"Kevin Keegan, myself and a couple of other regulars missed the home game against them and

## RANGERS ON THE RAMPAGE

we were unlucky to end up with only a draw.

"I felt Leeds United were one of the best footballing sides in the division, especially when they had Frank Worthington in the side."

## BANNED!

**BRIGHTON** skipper Steve Foster and Manchester United's Remi Moses were by no means alone when it came to missing a Cup Final through suspension.

In this week's European Cup Final, both Hamburg and Juventus were without a player for their Athens showdown.

Hamburg's star midfield operator Jimmy Hartwig collected his second yellow card of the tournament in the second game of their Semi-Final win over Real Sociedad, while Claudio Prandelli was booked for the second time as Juventus beat Widzew Lodz to reach the Final.



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## WARK ON!

**WITH** his two goals against Watford in Ipswich's last home game of the season, Scotland midfielder player John Wark (left) set himself a new League goalscoring record of twenty League goals in a season, and not one of them was from the penalty spot.

John has scored 68 League goals in the past four seasons, a tremendous record for a midfielder player.

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# DUNDEE UNITED'S ROUTE TO GLORY

| Date     | Opponents      | Scorers  | Att.   |
|----------|----------------|--|--------|
| Sept. 4  | Aberdeen (h)   | 2-0 Malpas, Dodds                                  | 11,683 |
| Sept. 11 | Rangers (a)    | 0-0  | 25,000 |
| Sept. 18 | Hibernian (a)  | 0-0  | 5,562  |
| Sept. 25 | St Mirren (h)  | 3-0 Sturrock 2, Milne                              | 6,832  |
| Oct. 2   | Celtic (h)     | 2-2 Milne, Dodds                                   | 20,000 |
| Oct. 9   | Kilmarnock (a) | 1-1 Milne (pen)                                    | 2,500  |
| Oct. 16  | Morton (h)     | 6-0 Dodds 3, Narey 2, Kirkwood                     | 5,986  |
| Oct. 23  | Motherwell (a) | 2-0 Narey, Kirkwood                                | 4,555  |
| Oct. 30  | Dundee (h)     | 1-0 Dodds  | 14,959 |
| Nov. 6   | Aberdeen (a)   | 1-5 Gough  | 14,000 |
| Nov. 13  | Rangers (h)    | 4-2 Milne 2, Dodds, Gough                          | 16,470 |
| Nov. 20  | Hibernian (h)  | 3-0 Bannon, Reilly, Dodds                          | 7,374  |
| Nov. 27  | St Mirren (a)  | 2-0 Bannon, Dodds                                  | 3,823  |
| Dec. 11  | Kilmarnock (h) | 7-0 Dodds 2, Reilly 2, Bannon, Narey, Milne        | 7,299  |
| Dec. 18  | Morton (a)     | 2-1 Reilly, Sturrock                               | 3,000  |
| Dec. 27  | Motherwell (h) | 5-0 Milne, Reilly, Hegarty, Sturrock, Bannon (pen) | 7,682  |
| Jan. 1   | Dundee (a)     | 2-0 Milne 2  | 18,801 |
| Jan. 3   | Aberdeen (h)   | 0-3  | 17,852 |
| Jan. 8   | Rangers (a)    | 1-2 Reilly   | 15,200 |
| Jan. 15  | Hibernian (a)  | 0-0  | 5,500  |
| Jan. 22  | St Mirren (h)  | 3-2 Dodds 2, Kirkwood                              | 6,714  |
| Feb. 5   | Celtic (h)     | 1-1 Dodds  | 17,289 |
| Feb. 12  | Kilmarnock (a) | 5-0 Holt 3, Bannon, Dodds                          | 1,850  |
| Feb. 26  | Morton (h)     | 1-1 Gough  | 5,986  |
| Mar. 5   | Motherwell (a) | 4-1 Gough 2, Milne, Dodds                          | 3,589  |
| Mar. 12  | Dundee (h)     | 5-3 Gough 2, Reilly, Hegarty, Dodds                | 13,433 |
| Mar. 19  | Aberdeen (a)   | 2-1 Milne 2  | 24,000 |
| Mar. 26  | Hibernian (h)  | 3-3 Dodds, Britton, Gough                          | 7,279  |
| Apr. 2   | Rangers (h)    | 3-1 Sturrock 2, Milne                              | 14,142 |
| Apr. 6   | Celtic (a)     | 0-2  | 34,508 |
| Apr. 9   | St Mirren (a)  | 2-1 Bannon (pen), Sturrock                         | 4,617  |
| Apr. 20  | Celtic (a)     | 3-2 Hegarty, Bannon (pen), Milne                   | 23,964 |
| Apr. 23  | Kilmarnock (h) | 4-0 Stark 2, Holt, Sturrock                        | 7,516  |
| Apr. 30  | Morton (a)     | 4-0 Dodds 2, Narey, Milne                          | 6,820  |
| May 7    | Motherwell (h) | 4-0 Bannon 2 (1 pen), Dodds 2                      | 11,933 |
| May 14   | Dundee (a)     | 2-1 Milne, Bannon                                  | 25,000 |

● Dundee Utd scorers first in each case.

**SALUTE** the terrors of Tannadice —  
Scottish Premier Division Champions  
Dundee United.

# DUNDEE UNITED SHOW THEIR

DUNDEE United have finally proved they've got a lot of bottle!

As the men from Tannadice Park lifted the Scottish Premier Division title for the first time in the club's history, leading scorer David Dodds declared: "At last we have proved we can cope with life at the top."

"Although we have won the League Cup a couple of times in recent years, when it came to the

two main Scottish trophies we were the nearly men.

"We'd always be in contention but, when the going got tough, we'd crack under the strain," says David, who scored 22 goals as United pipped giants Celtic and Aberdeen in a thrilling finale to the season.

"A few years back, we should have won the title because we were in a commanding position at the top of the table. In the end we blew it. I think we've learned from disappointments like that.



Striker Paul Sturrock — his absence for part of the season may have helped Dundee United, says his team-mate David Dodds.



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# DAREDEVILS!

## METTLE IN TITLE RUN-IN

Below David Dodds: "Winning the title was the best day of my life".

"If you want to be a successful club — and United do — then you've got to learn to live with pressure," adds David.

The turning point in United's title chase came in March when they were knocked out of the UEFA Cup Quarter-Final by Bohemians of Prague.

"That was the biggest disappointment of the season," says David. "After beating strong teams like Werder Bremen and PSV Eindhoven in the earlier rounds, we felt confident against the Czechs.

"It was the second year running that we'd been beaten by one of the lesser teams in the competition — a team we knew we could beat.

"So we set our sights on the title because it was the only thing we could go for. After playing well all season it would have been a farce if we hadn't finished up with something to show for it.

United clinched the title with a dramatic late burst which saw them pick up a maximum 12 points from their last six games — including a 3-2 win over title favourites and then leaders Celtic at Parkhead.

"That match was make or break for us. We had to win. A draw was no good because it would have left us three points adrift with just four games to play.

"We had already played them in Glasgow and they'd beaten us 2-0.

That day we sat back and played as if we were happy to settle for a draw.

"But this time we attacked them from the start and it paid off. We won 3-2 and that kept us in the hunt."

United finally clinched the title on the last day of the season in front of 25,000 fans with a 2-1 victory at Dens Park — home of arch rivals Dundee.

"That was the best day of my life. I'll never forget it — the atmosphere and occasion were terrific. It's just beginning to sink in now," says David.

"We've had a great reaction from the fans. We paraded the trophy round the town in an open-top bus and nearly 6,000 people turned up to cheer us."

David is convinced that his team's Championship success is good for Scottish football. He said: "That and Aberdeen's win in Europe has finally broken the domination of Celtic and Rangers.

"It's given other clubs like St Mirren, Hearts and Dundee hope for the future. It shows that the smaller clubs can be successful."

United's success has been achieved with a shoestring squad. David says: "We've only got a squad of about 15 experienced players. Unlike Aberdeen and Celtic, we can't afford to keep big-money stars on the sidelines.

"We were very lucky with injuries. If a couple of players had gone down, we could have been in trouble."

The club's most serious injury scare was to Scottish international striker Paul Sturrock, who missed most of the season with knee trouble.

But David believes that playing without the talented goalscorer benefited the side in the long run. He explains: "Paul is an excellent player and a valuable member of the team, but in the past, we tended to rely on him.

"Everything was channelled through to him. The fact that he wasn't there made us try something different. It gave us another string to our bow.

"It also put extra responsibility on me. As the oldest and most experienced player in the strike-force, I was expected to set an example by scoring goals.

"With that in mind, I tried more shots at goal and it paid off. I finished with my best-ever tally for a season," says the 24-year-old striker.

The emergence of young full-back Richard Gough has had a big influence on United this season. David says: "He's had a great campaign and thoroughly deserved his first Scottish cap against Switzerland."

United now face the mouth-watering prospect of playing in the European Cup for the first time in their 60-year history. "We'll be up against the best players in the world — that's got to be the ultimate in anyone's career," says David.

● NEXT WEEK: Paul Sturrock in colour.



## TRIBUTES FROM THE LOSERS

### Peter Weir ABERDEEN

UNITED'S victory is great for Scottish football. It's made the Premier Division more competitive and more interesting for the fans.

Their success gives heart to all the other clubs in Scotland and there are now three or four teams up here who would more than hold their own in the English First Division.

They've been lucky with injuries and helped by the fact that they've only had one trophy to go for. But that doesn't take away any of the credit for their achievement.

The lads from Tannadice came in with a great late run and won the important matches when they mattered, beating Celtic and Aberdeen in the run-in. 9

### Paul McStay CELTIC

WE threw the title away by dropping silly points against the smaller teams and Dundee United took full advantage of our mistakes.

United are a very good footballing side. They've got lots of skill and they love to play the ball around.

Paul Sturrock is a player I've always rated very highly. He's one of the deadliest strikers in the game.

It's very difficult to break them down. They are so well organised — especially in defence where Paul Hegarty does a great job. 9

### John MacDonald RANGERS

AT Christmas, no-one would have backed against Celtic to win the Premier Division title.

But United have shown great determination. They refused to say die and never gave up battling. In the end, they thoroughly deserved to be crowned Champions.

It's at the back where United are so strong. With the experience of goalkeeper Hamish McAlpine and Paul Hegarty, the defence has done a marvellous job.

And, up front, David Dodds, who doesn't get the credit he deserves, has proved what a lethal goalscorer he is. Even without Paul Sturrock for much of the campaign they have shown they can handle themselves at the highest level. 9



# FA CUP FINAL

Colour exclusive



# Stevens



Above left: Man of the Match Gary Stevens receives the acclaim of the Brighton fans after his magnificent Wembley performance, crowned by the equalising goal.

Left: Arthur Albiston (3) and Ray Wilkins are rooted helpless on the line as Stevens (out of picture) crashes the ball past Gary Bailey to make it 2-2 three minutes from the end of normal time.

Above: Narrow escape for Brighton as Chris Ramsey clears a Bryan Robson effort off the line. Claims for a goal by United's Moran (left) and McQueen were ignored by referee Alf Grey.

Right: A truly great goal to grace a great occasion. Ray Wilkins' brilliantly curled shot leaves Brighton 'keeper Graham Moseley for dead and puts United in the lead at 2-1.

Pictures: Phil Bagnall and Lawrence Lustig.





***super-show!***

*Gary grabs the  
glory from United*







The roof of the Brighton net bulges as Manchester United's Frank Stapleton (9) crashes home the ball from an Alan Davies cross to make the score 1-1 after 55 minutes of Saturday's FA Cup Final at Wembley.



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Brazil's Eder — in trouble.

# ITALY WANTS ZICO

**BRILLIANT** Brazilian Zico is the target of top clubs in Italy.

Several are preparing bids in expectation of the Italian League allowing three foreign players in each team next season.

Despite Zico's earlier announcement that he intends to finish his top class career in Brazil, his name is already being linked with Juventus, Torino, Roma, Inter Milan, Florence and Udinese!

Juventus would be favourites to capture the player, once branded the 'White Pele', but reports that the club want to sign Zico as a replacement for foreign imports Michel Platini or Zbigniew Boniek have been

denied.

Meanwhile, Zico's Brazilian team-mate Eder has been in deep disciplinary trouble with his club Atletico Mineiro.

He was fined the equivalent of £2,000 by his club after being sent off in a cup-tie with America of Rio, and was also involved in a fight during a training match.

But the fine is just peanuts to the power-packed winger since he recently signed a new contract worth around £7,500 per month.

Says club president Elias Kali: "He's a good player and worth a good salary, but he behaved like a hooligan and he must learn to act more responsibly."

## WEST GERMANS IN A RUMPUS

**BERND** Schuster's long-awaited return to the West German midfield has been surrounded by further controversy with another row involving him, skipper Karl Heinz Rummenigge and Hansi Muller.

After the Germans won their European Championship game 3-0 in Albania, Rummenigge said that the players who missed that match were not needed any more, which was an obvious reference to Schuster, who had stayed in Barcelona to be with his wife at the birth of their third child.

And Muller, who enjoyed dominating midfield against the Albanians, claims there is no room for Schuster in the team while he is the main play-maker.

Schuster's only comment was: "We are not on the same wavelength at the moment," but he added that he expected to fight his way back into the team.



Bernd Schuster — not wanted by West Germany?

## FRANCE ROARS OUT A WARNING

**FRANCE SEMI-FINALISTS** in the last World Cup, hammered out a warning to their rivals for next year's European Championship with a 4-0 friendly victory over Yugoslavia.

Top football paper 'France Football' said that the team played like a 'symphony orchestra in perfect tune.'

The goals came from Rocheteau (2), Toure and Leroux, and the match underlined the strength in depth of French football because they were without the experience of Platini, Giresse and Tresor.

■ **AJAX** could afford to be without their two most influential players, Johan Cruyff and Jespar Olsen, and still clinch the Dutch League Championship with a 4-1 win at Helmond.

The legendary Cruyff was suspended and Danish star Olsen was injured, but superb team work ensured a comfortable victory to give them the title ahead of Feyenoord.

## REAL DISAPPOINTMENT

**ATHLETIC** Bilbao are the new Spanish League Champions, stealing the title from under the noses of Real Madrid.

Real lost the title when they went down 1-0 away to struggling Valencia, leaving the door open for Bilbao to claim the crown by one point following their 5-1 victory in Las Palmas.

It's the first time Bilbao have won the title and, to complete their misery, Real went under to Aberdeen in the Final of the European Cup Winners' Cup.

## HOW THEY STAND IN EUROPE

### ITALY

(two matches to go)

|             | P  | W  | D  | L  | F  | A  | Pts |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Roma        | 28 | 15 | 10 | 3  | 43 | 22 | 40  |
| Juventus    | 28 | 13 | 10 | 5  | 46 | 24 | 36  |
| Inter Milan | 28 | 10 | 14 | 4  | 38 | 24 | 34  |
| Verona      | 28 | 11 | 11 | 6  | 35 | 29 | 33  |
| Florentina  | 28 | 11 | 9  | 8  | 33 | 24 | 31  |
| Torino      | 28 | 9  | 12 | 7  | 29 | 23 | 30  |
| Sampdoria   | 28 | 8  | 14 | 6  | 28 | 25 | 30  |
| Udinese     | 28 | 6  | 18 | 4  | 23 | 27 | 30  |
| Genoa       | 28 | 6  | 14 | 8  | 31 | 33 | 26  |
| Cagliari    | 28 | 6  | 14 | 8  | 22 | 29 | 26  |
| Napoli      | 28 | 6  | 13 | 9  | 21 | 29 | 25  |
| Avellino    | 28 | 7  | 11 | 10 | 24 | 33 | 25  |
| Pisa        | 28 | 7  | 10 | 11 | 25 | 27 | 24  |
| Ascoli      | 28 | 8  | 8  | 12 | 29 | 36 | 24  |
| Cesena      | 28 | 4  | 13 | 11 | 21 | 33 | 21  |
| Catanzaro   | 28 | 2  | 9  | 17 | 20 | 50 | 13  |

Top of Division Two

(six matches to go)

|           | P  | W  | D  | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|-----------|----|----|----|---|----|----|-----|
| AC Milan  | 32 | 15 | 14 | 3 | 64 | 31 | 44  |
| Lazio     | 32 | 12 | 15 | 5 | 34 | 20 | 39  |
| Cremonese | 32 | 11 | 15 | 6 | 35 | 26 | 37  |
| Como      | 32 | 10 | 17 | 5 | 28 | 20 | 37  |

## W GERMANY

(Five matches to go)

|                | P  | W  | D  | L  | F  | A  | Pts |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Hamburg        | 29 | 16 | 11 | 2  | 66 | 28 | 43  |
| Werder Bremen  | 29 | 19 | 5  | 5  | 63 | 34 | 43  |
| Bayern Munich  | 29 | 16 | 9  | 4  | 67 | 23 | 41  |
| Stuttgart      | 28 | 15 | 7  | 6  | 64 | 38 | 37  |
| Cologne        | 29 | 14 | 9  | 6  | 60 | 35 | 37  |
| Kaiserslautern | 29 | 12 | 12 | 5  | 49 | 35 | 36  |
| B. Dortmund    | 29 | 15 | 5  | 9  | 64 | 44 | 35  |
| Frankfurt      | 29 | 11 | 5  | 13 | 43 | 42 | 27  |
| Nuremberg      | 29 | 11 | 5  | 13 | 39 | 57 | 26  |
| Bielefeld      | 28 | 10 | 5  | 13 | 37 | 57 | 25  |
| Bochum         | 29 | 7  | 11 | 11 | 33 | 41 | 25  |
| Brunswick      | 29 | 7  | 10 | 12 | 32 | 51 | 24  |
| Dusseldorf     | 29 | 8  | 8  | 13 | 47 | 70 | 24  |
| B. M'gladbach  | 29 | 9  | 4  | 16 | 48 | 51 | 22  |
| Leverkusen     | 29 | 7  | 8  | 14 | 35 | 59 | 22  |
| Hertha Berlin  | 29 | 5  | 9  | 15 | 35 | 52 | 19  |
| Karlsruhe      | 29 | 6  | 6  | 17 | 34 | 73 | 18  |
| Schalke 04     | 29 | 5  | 6  | 18 | 37 | 63 | 16  |

## SPAIN

(Final table)

|               | P  | W  | D  | L  | F  | A  | Pts |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Ath. Bilbao   | 34 | 22 | 6  | 6  | 71 | 36 | 50  |
| Real Madrid   | 34 | 20 | 9  | 5  | 57 | 25 | 49  |
| Atl. Madrid   | 34 | 20 | 6  | 8  | 56 | 38 | 46  |
| Barcelona     | 34 | 17 | 10 | 7  | 60 | 28 | 44  |
| Seville       | 34 | 15 | 12 | 7  | 44 | 31 | 42  |
| Zaragoza      | 34 | 17 | 6  | 11 | 59 | 39 | 40  |
| Real Sociedad | 34 | 12 | 12 | 10 | 29 | 27 | 36  |
| Gijon         | 34 | 9  | 15 | 10 | 32 | 32 | 33  |
| Espanol       | 34 | 13 | 6  | 15 | 45 | 47 | 32  |
| Malaga        | 34 | 10 | 10 | 14 | 37 | 48 | 30  |
| Real Betis    | 34 | 9  | 12 | 13 | 42 | 45 | 30  |
| Valladolid    | 34 | 9  | 11 | 14 | 34 | 51 | 29  |
| Salamanca     | 34 | 10 | 6  | 18 | 31 | 47 | 28  |
| Osasuna       | 34 | 10 | 6  | 18 | 39 | 54 | 26  |
| Valencia      | 34 | 9  | 7  | 18 | 42 | 56 | 25  |
| Las Palmas    | 34 | 7  | 11 | 16 | 32 | 55 | 25  |
| Celta         | 34 | 9  | 6  | 19 | 27 | 56 | 24  |
| Santander     | 34 | 9  | 5  | 20 | 44 | 63 | 23  |

**LEADING SCORERS:** Rincon (Real Betis) 20; Amarilla (Zaragoza) 19; Dani e Sarabia (Ath. Bilbao) 18; Valdano (Zaragoza) 17; Hugo Sanchez (Atl. Madrid) 15.

## HOLLAND

(Ajax are Champions with two matches to go)

|               | P  | W  | D  | L  | F  | A  | Pts |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Ajax          | 32 | 24 | 6  | 2  | 96 | 35 | 54  |
| Feyenoord     | 32 | 20 | 10 | 2  | 66 | 36 | 50  |
| PSV Eindhoven | 32 | 19 | 9  | 4  | 77 | 33 | 47  |
| Groningen     | 32 | 10 | 15 | 7  | 60 | 53 | 34  |
| Haarlem       | 32 | 13 | 18 | 11 | 46 | 48 | 34  |
| Sparta        | 32 | 10 | 13 | 9  | 60 | 52 | 33  |
| Roda          | 32 | 12 | 9  | 11 | 52 | 48 | 33  |
| Excelsior     | 32 | 13 | 6  | 13 | 43 | 42 | 32  |
| Sittard       | 32 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 35 | 41 | 32  |
| AZ 67         | 32 | 11 | 8  | 13 | 49 | 38 | 30  |
| Utrecht       | 32 | 10 | 9  | 13 | 47 | 54 | 29  |
| Go Ahead      | 32 | 8  | 10 | 14 | 40 | 57 | 26  |
| Helmond Sp.   | 32 | 8  | 9  | 15 | 41 | 64 | 25  |
| PEC Zwolle    | 32 | 8  | 7  | 16 | 39 | 56 | 25  |
| Willem II     | 32 | 8  | 8  | 16 | 46 | 58 | 24  |
| Twente        | 32 | 6  | 11 | 15 | 33 | 54 | 23  |
| NEC Nijmegen  | 32 | 4  | 14 | 14 | 32 | 57 | 22  |
| NAC Breda     | 32 | 5  | 12 | 15 | 33 | 65 | 22  |



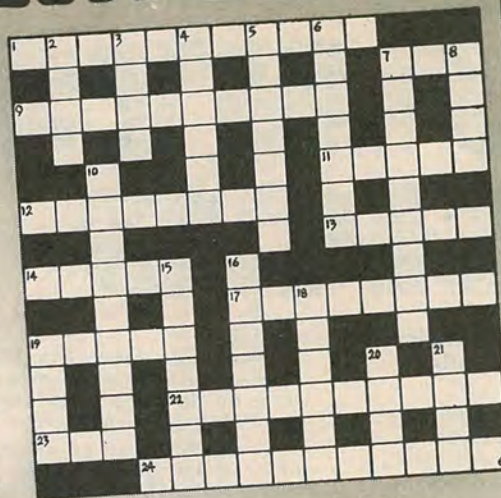
# SOCCERWORD

## ACROSS

1. "The Mariners" (7,4)
7. One of Portugal's colours (3)
9. Striker Kevin --- joined Huddersfield from Blackburn in 1983 (9)
11. A player who back --- the ball often takes an opponent by surprise (5)
12. In wet or windy conditions it is easy to --- the pace of the ball (8)
13. Ninety-minutes' worth of soccer (5)
14. Play the ball to safety (5)
17. Danny --- had one League game (and one goal) for QPR before making over 200 turn-outs for Gillingham (8)
19. Rearrange the letters of 8 down plus the last letter of 21 down to find an old Spurs favourite (5)
22. Famous Brussels club which Francois Van der Elst used to play for (10)
23. --- Mutrie has netted forty goals for Hull in the last couple of seasons (3)
24. Striker with Doncaster in the 1960s and 1980s --- and in between with Sheffield (Wednesday and United), Cardiff, Bristol Rovers, Fulham and Hull (4,7)

## DOWN

2. A player who 'disappears' during a game is said to have a low work --- (4)
3. Midfielder whose clubs included Manchester City and Mansfield (4)
4. Losing (6)
5. San Antonio --- were an NASL side which didn't create a storm! (7)
6. To get to this club, go south from Liverpool or west from Stoke (7)



7. Forward capped by Scotland in the Argentina and Spain World Cups (9)
8. The nickname of Aberdeen (4)
10. Their job is to report on referees (9)
15. Striker who started with Bristol Rovers, switched to Stoke in 1978, then went back to Rovers in 1981 (7)
16. Club whose players during the season included Baddeley, Bailie, Barnard, Batty, Baverstock and Blackler (7)
18. Rotterdam side, one of the Dutch clubs which Ray Clarke played for (6)
19. As you should know full well, "The Saints" march in The --- (4)
20. He was Bournemouth's boss when the season started (4)
21. To watch Halifax at play, go to a ground called The --- (4)

## WHAT'S THE SCORE?

CAN you fill in the scores of the last six World Cup Finals?

- 1 Italy ... West Germany ...
- 2 Argentina ... Holland ...
- 3 West Germany ... Holland ...
- 4 Brazil ... Italy ...
- 5 England ... West Germany ...
- 6 Brazil ... Czechoslovakia ...

## JEEPERS 'KEEPERS

MATCH up the Third Division goalkeepers on the left with their clubs on the right.

- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 Mick Kearns  | a) Gillingham   |
| 2 John Turner  | b) Reading      |
| 3 Alan Judge   | c) Walsall      |
| 4 Paddy Roche  | d) Exeter       |
| 5 Ron Hillyard | e) Chesterfield |
| 6 Len Bond     | f) Brentford    |

## MASKED MAN

● THE answer to last week's 'Masked Man' was Manchester United goalkeeper Gary Bailey.

## SOLUTIONS

JEEPERS 'KEEPERS: 1/c; 2/e; 3/b; 4/f; 5/a; 6/d.

Shay.  
16. Swindon; 18. Sparta; 19. Dell; 20. Webb; 21. Robertson; 8. Dons; 10. assessors; 15. Randal; rate; 3. Mann; 4. behind; 5. Thunder; 6. Wrexham; Anderlecht; 23. Les; 24. Alan Warboys; Down: 2. clear; 17. Westwood; 19. Dyson; 22. Stonehouse; 11. heels; 12. misjudge; 13. match; 9. Grimby Town; 7. red;

WHAT'S THE SCORE? 1-3-1; 2-3-1; 3-2-1; 4-4-1; 5-4-2; 6-3-1.



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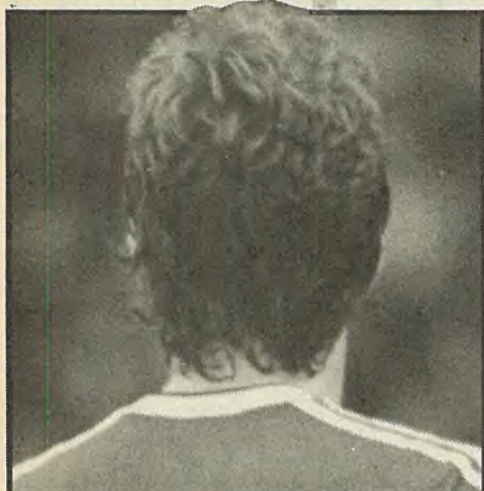
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The books, which will provide you with a real chuckle during the summer holidays, are worth a total of £4.20, but as a Match Weekly reader, you can get them for £2.99, including postage and packing, if you're not lucky enough to be among the ten winners.

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I ONLY hope Arsenal don't live to regret releasing Yugoslavian international Vladimir Petrovic after so short a time.

The players certainly wanted him to stay and he was so disappointed at leaving the First Division that he was in tears after his final match at Aston Villa.

There may be more to the situation than meets the eye, but taking the case purely in a footballing context, I don't think he was given a fair chance to settle down.

He underlined his class during the last two or three games of the season when he was handed a free role devoid of any defensive responsibilities.

He was outstanding in the 3-0 win at West Ham, showing the Arsenal fans just what they are going to miss next season.

Although he had only been at the club since January, he had quickly built up a popular image with the Highbury crowd and there was always a buzz of anticipation whenever he had possession.

Obviously manager Terry Neill and coach Don Howe had their reasons for allowing 'Vladdy' to join Belgian club Antwerp after only ten First Division appearances.

But it seems a strange decision after all the battles to break through the red tape to obtain his release from Red Star Belgrade.

*Below: Vladimir Petrovic — I'm sure Arsenal's loss will be Antwerp's gain.*

# CRYING SHAME!

And it appears even more puzzling when you consider that he had been on Arsenal's shopping list for around six years following our involvement in an Australian tournament with Red Star.

He obviously wasn't producing the goods they expected from a world class operator, but it does take time for a foreign player to adapt to our conditions and competitions.

Arriving in a strange country in the middle of winter with mud over your ankles and the club involved in two important cup runs is hardly the best time to begin a new chapter in your career.

I have discussed the situation with Tottenham's Glenn Hoddle and he claims it took around two years for their Argentinian stars, Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricky Villa, to settle down and look what they achieved when they did.

Maybe, had 'Vladdy' arrived at the beginning of the season when the pitches were decent and the pressures less

demanding, it could have been a different story.

Even, so, top class internationals like him don't become bad players overnight. Operating in his favourite role, there's no question about his ability and I'm certain Antwerp's gain will be Arsenal's loss.

According to national newspaper reports, 'Vladdy' fired a few bullets at Arsenal before his departure. It was claimed that unless the club became more adventurous, Arsenal would 'remain' a mediocre side.

That's not for me to say, but I do know that the club can't afford another mediocre season like the last one.

We reached two Semi-Finals, but we didn't achieve a lot, and our position of tenth was the lowest for seven years.

Having released a quality player like 'Vladdy', I hope the management attempts to bring in a class replacement or two.

If we were to start next season with a disappointing set of results, then the pressure will be on quite a few people at Highbury.

It will be equally frustrating to see London neighbours Tottenham and Watford involved in European football on a Wednesday night while we sit at home on our backsides watching Coronation Street.

It's going to be a crucial season for the club. We must get back into Europe and into a position where we can be considered capable of winning things again.

After a four-week absence with a hamstring injury, I made my long-awaited return in a testimonial match at Gillingham last week.

My recovery didn't come in time to give myself any chance of being included in the England squad for the British Championship matches against Northern Ireland and Scotland.

I would have given anything to

have had a chance to make amends against the Scots at Wembley next Wednesday because it was against them two years ago that I missed virtually an open goal when I headed wide a perfect Steve Coppell cross.

That would have given us a half-time lead, but in the end we lost to a John Robertson penalty.

It's a tremendous experience playing against the Scots. Every England game is important, but there always seems far more at stake in that annual battle.

It's rather like an Arsenal v Spurs local derby. There's a lot of feeling and passion and, for the victors, a tremendous amount of satisfaction.

If you beat them, then that keeps them quiet for another year.

Mind you, there's not a lot of love lost in any of the other British Championship matches.

I can remember playing against Wales in that same year, when my Arsenal team-mate Peter Nicholas put some flak about in my direction.

Although I would be fit enough to be considered for England's tour to Australia, my club commitments prevent me from having the chance to stake a claim for inclusion next season.

We're off to Indonesia for a four-match tour at the beginning of next month and, although I can't guarantee four victories, I can guarantee that we'll have bags of fun.

There's nothing like a club tour to keep the team spirit going and, on this occasion, we are treading new ground from a footballing point of view.

Although we have played in Singapore, we have no idea of footballing standards in Indonesia but it should be interesting all the same.

At least Alan Sunderland and myself have had plenty of chance to read the holiday brochures while laying on the treatment table over the past few weeks.

Pat Jennings and myself will be flying off a few days before the rest of the party to guest for Hong Kong side Bulova against Liverpool.

The invitation came completely out of the blue, and I understand that we'll be flying out with the Liverpool party, arriving only a few hours before the actual match.

It's all right for Pat because all he has to do is stop the ball, but I haven't a lot of time to get to know anyone, let alone the style of play.

After the trip to Indonesia, I'll be taking a family holiday in Portugal with Arsenal team-mate Tony Woodcock and my Tottenham pal Glenn Hoddle.

You never know, I might pick up a few tips on the beach from 'Hod' during our stay. Cheers for now...

*Graham Rix*

● Graham Rix was talking to Melvyn Beck.

## ARSENAL PLAYERS WANTED PETROVIC TO STAY





# Hart of the Forest

PAUL Hart's thoughts about Europe this summer consisted of little more than sun-seeking, at one of those mouth-watering appetisers contained in the holiday brochures.

That was until a certain Brian Clough came out of the blue to offer the Leeds defender a passport into the big time of UEFA Cup football next season, with his rejuvenated Nottingham Forest.

And, as the former Stockport and Blackpool pivot aptly put it: "You don't look a gift horse in the mouth."

To be transported back into the First Division from a rebuilding operation in the Second Division is a compliment to his defensive qualities.

But to be whisked right back into the big time, with a club expecting to be challenging for honours on all fronts next season, well, that's a prospect Paul could never imagine even in his wildest dreams.

As Forest's new £60,000 recruit explains: "I was preparing for another season in the Second Division with Leeds, when I received a telephone call from

manager Eddie Gray one Monday teatime.

"He told me that Brian Clough wanted to see me the following day about a possible move to Forest and that Leeds were prepared to let me go.

"It was like a bolt out of the blue. You often get wind of something through the papers or along the grapevine when a move is in the offing, but I had heard nothing about this.

"I didn't have to think twice about the move after I had seen Mr Clough.

"I was impressed with him from the start. He told me that he was confident that Forest would be challenging for the First Division Championship next season, and that's just the sort of challenge I wanted.

"I had two years of my contract to run at Leeds and I was prepared to see them out, hoping we would get promotion back to the First Division in that time.

"But there is no guarantee of promotion and when you are handed such a tremendous opportunity you don't look a gift horse in the mouth.

"I realise there is no guarantee of a first team place at Forest, although Mr Clough didn't say as much, but that's a philosophy I have always carried through my career.

"Nobody is an automatic choice and if I'm not doing the business then I won't be in the team.

"My initial aim will be to establish myself in the team and then hope to help them achieve some more success."

It will be Paul's second taste of European football, having played with Leeds in the UEFA Cup three years ago when they lost in the Second Round to Rumanian side Craiova.

He had scored in both legs in the First Round win over Maltese side Valetta.

"I'm very excited at the prospect of another chance to play in Europe. That's another challenge I can look forward to and one I never expected to come again so quickly," says Paul, who joined Leeds from Blackpool for £330,000 in March 1978.

He went on the transfer list last summer when Leeds were relegated to Division Two after 18 years in the top flight, but came off it again a few months later, claiming that his performances were being affected by the pressures of being in the 'shop window'.

But Paul, the son of former Manchester City Manager Johnny, has no regrets about leaving Elland Road.



Paul Hart — didn't think twice about a move to Nottingham Forest.

"I think I have always tried my best for the club and this move suits both myself and Leeds. I leave them on the very best of terms," he says.

"It's a great club and I have enjoyed my time there, although I was disappointed that we never fulfilled the promise we showed four years ago, when we finished fifth in the First Division and lost to Southampton in the Semi-Finals of the League Cup.

"Since then, the club has been on the slide culminating in relegation last year.

"After we finished fifth, we lost some quality players who were never replaced. The club began to settle for the economically-priced player.

"Allan Clarke tried to bolster the squad when he took over, but in the end we failed."

But after one season in the Second, when Leeds finished eighth, Paul sees brighter days around the corner although it may take time for the young side to blossom.

"It took me a while to settle down in the Second Division and get over the disappointment of relegation," explains Paul.

"We were always going to miss out on promotion last season. We were just a little short on what was needed and it's a hard division to get out of.

"But young players like John Sheridan, Neil Aspin and John Donnelly did well and will benefit from a season's experience and I'm sure Leeds will be knocking on the door next season."



Willie Young — he partnered Bryn Gunn at the centre of Forest's defence last season.

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Anxious moments on the Leicester bench in their last match of the season. The photographers crowd round Gerry Daly (standing), manager Gordon Milne and his backroom staff.



**SPOTLIGHT** on the last minute drama which threw the Second Division promotion race into total confusion on the last day of the season.

# FILBERT STREET LOSES ITS FIZZ!

THE champagne suddenly went flat for Leicester as their promotion celebrations came to an abrupt halt.

After drawing 0-0 with strugglers Bolton and hearing that arch rivals Fulham had lost, the players opened the 'chambers' to toast their return to the First Division.

But, minutes later, confusion reigned in the Filbert Street dressing room as news filtered through that the London side had lodged an appeal against their 1-0 defeat at Derby.

"One minute it was bedlam. The dressing room was full of

photographers and the players were going wild. The next there was bewilderment and disappointment — the bubbly was taken away," remembers Leicester skipper Mark Wallington.

"The celebrations were curtailed very quickly when we realised the Fulham-Derby game might have to be replayed. After all, we couldn't be sure that we were up so we didn't have anything to celebrate."

Mark was typically cool — as unflappable as his goalkeeping — when he heard of the final dramatic twist to a tense promotion campaign.

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# A nightmare

**6** AFTER being in the top three and favourites to go up throughout the entire campaign, everything turned sour on the last day.

Now our 'do or die' game at Derby looks like committing us to another year in the Second Division.

I still can't believe that we're not going to be playing in the top flight against the likes of Liverpool and Manchester United.

But even taking into account all the controversy which surrounded our final League game at the Baseball Ground, we only have ourselves to blame for missing out on promotion.

It's all bitterly disappointing, especially after making such a tremendous start to the season.

But we should have clinched a promotion place weeks ago, I think the pressure and tension got to the players a little and we allowed Leicester to get back in the hunt.

Ironically, it was our home game against the Midlands side in April which was probably the turning point.

Up until then, we looked good bets for promotion and a win, or a draw would have left us virtually home and dry.

But we lost that game by the odd goal and we went on to lose our next two League games against Sheffield Wednesday and QPR.

That put us under a lot of pressure and sent us into the last game at Derby needing three points and Leicester to be held by Burnley at Filbert Street.

We were confident of beating Derby, but it all turned horribly wrong.

When Derby's Bobby Davison scored, thousands of fans were allowed onto the touchline and the last 20 minutes were the most frightening of my career.

Abuse and threats were hurled at our players and, under those intimidating conditions, it was almost impossible to concentrate on what was our most important game of the

season.

I've never experienced scenes like it before during my professional career. It reminded me of my amateur days back in Wales when supporters lined the touchline to watch games... but those fans were not hostile.

With less than two minutes to go, the referee blew for an offside decision, but the fans thought it was the final whistle and invaded the pitch.

Many of the players had to make a mad dash to the changing rooms and Jeff Hopkins was in a state of shock when he finally made it back.

Our dressing room was very heated and everyone was angry and confused. It was difficult to take in what had happened.

The referee came in and was honest enough to admit that the game hadn't finished and there was over a minute left to play.

It was then we realised we might have a case to get the game replayed. An application was made to the Football League and then it was just a case of wait and see.

The management committee met on the Monday and the hours of waiting for the decision were awful. Eventually a reporter phoned me and said they had refused to replay the Derby game.

It still didn't sink in that we had missed out on promotion... it was such a farce.

In a way, the committee's decision was somewhat inevitable. It seemed they were just not brave enough to order a replay because of the controversy it would cause.

We felt we had a strong case to have the game played again because, although there was less than two minutes of the match left, we could still have scored the two goals needed to take us up.

Notts County scored two in that short space of time at home to Manchester United and if they can do it against

such strong opposition, I'm sure we could have done the same at Derby.

But the fact that the game had not run its full course was not our only argument.

As millions of television viewers saw, many of our players were intimidated by the crowd from the time Derby scored in the 76th minute and that affected our performance.

Obviously the League did not feel the same and it's Leicester who look like going up instead of us.

Another season in the Second Division does not appeal to me very much and like every player I would love to play in the First.

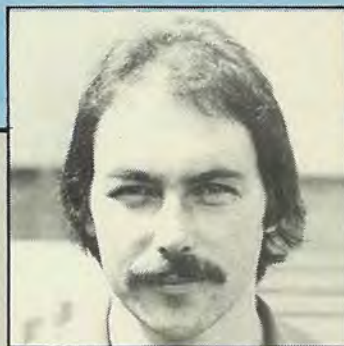
Things have gone well for me at Fulham and, with only a year of my contract to run, I may see it out at Craven Cottage.

But I haven't ruled out the possibility of a move to a First Division club and, if a good offer came in, I would have to consider it.

Manager Malcolm Macdonald has said in the past that every player at the club has a price and I think if he got the right offer for me he would accept it.

I am not getting any younger and, at 27, I would like the chance to try and prove myself at the top level. I have made the Welsh squad as a Second Division player, but I think playing in Division One would enhance my international career.

But if I do stay at Fulham, I may only have to wait another year before realising my ambition of playing First Division football.



Mark Wallington: "All I could do was hope and pray the Football League committee ruled in our favour."

went back to his old club, Coventry, to bring Gerry Daly on loan.

"Gerry's experience was bound to help the side. He's been an international with Eire for over ten years and seen service with the likes of Manchester United and Derby. His influence rubbed off on the younger players in the team."

● **AT the time of going to Press, Fulham were appealing against the League ruling that their match with Derby should not be replayed.**

too long to take anything for granted. All I could do was hope and pray the Football League committee ruled in our favour.

"Obviously it wasn't an ideal situation for either ourselves or Fulham. No-one wanted the season to end like that."

Leicester players heard that the appeal had been rejected as they travelled to Wolves for Geoff Palmer's testimonial game two days later.

They return to the top flight after a two-year break and Mark says: "It's terrific to be back. It's been a long hard season and it's good to get some reward for our efforts."

The club rocketed into contention by finishing the season with a run of 15 games without defeat. At the beginning of February, they were 11 points adrift of third place Fulham.

The turning point for Leicester came with just four games to go

when the club travelled down to Craven Cottage. Mark says: "We were six points behind them and had to win to keep our outside chances of promotion alive."

Scottish midfielder Ian Wilson made sure of the priceless points with the only goal of the game as Leicester crept even closer to the worried 'Cottagers'.

"It was a psychological blow. To be beaten by your arch rivals is a bitter pill to swallow. It set them up for their next two defeats. They never recovered from losing to us."

"The fact that we'd got a winning run together really put the mental pressure on Fulham," says Mark, who has made more than 350 appearances for Leicester since joining them from Walsall in November 1972.

"We went 11 games without having to change the side and that helped a lot. Confidence was high and the winning momentum just

went on and on."

Mark believes that Leicester's impressive late run coincided with the team getting to know each other.

He says: "At the beginning of the season we had a new manager, there were other changes in the backroom staff and new players were introduced. It takes time to settle in."

The goalscoring form of young Gary Lineker was a big plus for Leicester last season and has made him one of the country's hottest prospects and Mark says: "Anyone who manages to score 26 League goals in a season has done tremendously well — at any level."

"It's a tremendous feat and I hope he can maintain it in the First Division next season," adds Mark.

Leicester have a good, young side, but manager Gordon Milne saw the need for experience half-way through the season and



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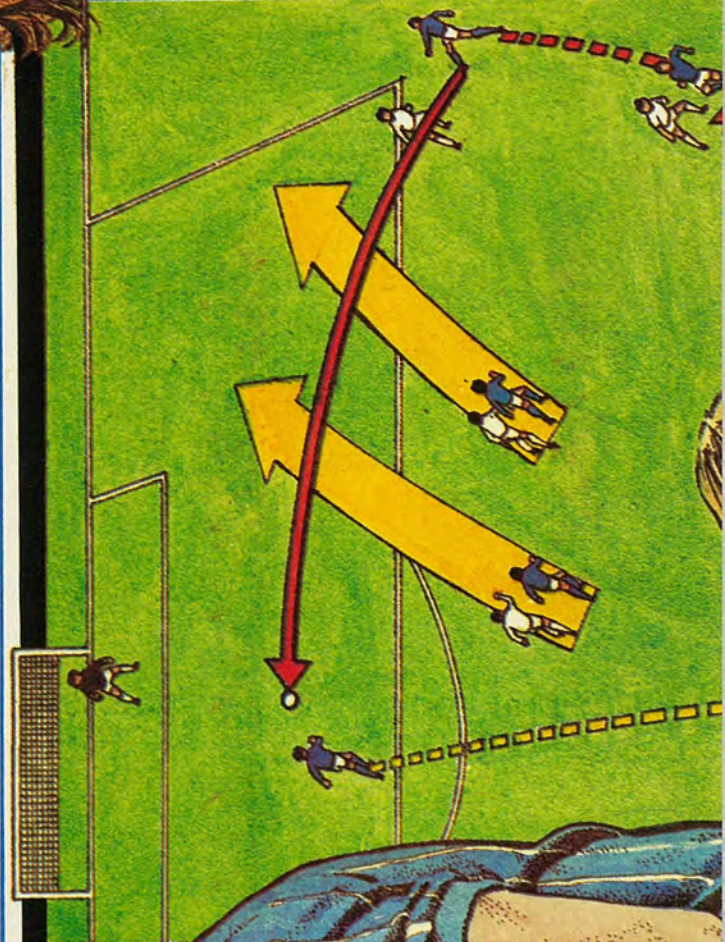
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But it's only in recent years that John has developed this art of surprise tuned in to precision finishing.



As he explains: "It was only when the two Dutchmen, Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen, arrived at Ipswich five years ago that I began to exploit the space in front of me.

"Before I was simply a midfield player renowned for powerful long range shooting, but the presence of the two Dutchmen wide on each flank enabled me to add an extra dimension to my game.

"With those two operating wide and with Paul Mariner and Alan Brazil pulling central defenders out of position, it left space down the middle for me to probe and get into scoring situations with late runs from the deep.

"I was always encouraged to get forward as much as possible, so now the players expect me to be on the end of things when they cross balls, particularly George Burley who wastes no time in trying to pick me out with early crosses.



"It's all a question of timing and the awareness of situations. I don't gallop forward at every opportunity. It's a question of using my football instincts to decide when to go and where to run."

"It's not always successful. Sometimes I arrive too early and have to wait for the cross, and on other occasions I may arrive too late. But it's been fairly successful overall because defenders and marking midfield players are not always aware of my presence."

"And when I go forward it's up to people like Steve McCall to provide cover in the centre of midfield."

"We work at this aspect of my game quite a lot in training. I play balls out wide from the centre circle and that enables me to have enough time to get into the area for the crosses."

"It's a system that works well with wide men. It's the same with Scotland, with John Robertson and Gordon Strachan on the flanks and Kenny Dalglish taking defenders away to leave me the gaps to exploit."

GEORGE Burley, whose homing-device accuracy from the right has paved the way for a number of John's goals, says of his goal-hungry Ipswich team mate.

"John is in a class of his own in this respect. It's a gift he has in his make-up. It's something you just can't learn."

"He has always enjoyed getting forward and scoring goals and he's not frightened to get in there where it hurts. Apart from his lethal finishing, he's also very good in the air. He's able to cope with balls delivered from any angle."

"Having played with John for a number of years, you get to know that he'll be somewhere in the box when you clip in an early cross."

"If you don't play it in early, then there is a danger that he'll be picked up. It's great to have a man like John always available in the box. If he wasn't around, then you would have to find other options instead of getting the ball across."

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# THE GREAT ESCAPE

**YOUNG** striker Paul Walsh feared he had blown his side's chances of staying in the First Division.

Only minutes after being booked for arguing with the referee, Paul's hefty challenge on Manchester City's Kevin Bond looked almost certain to earn him his marching orders and leave Luton playing with just ten men.

And the 20-year-old admits: "I should have been sent off. I got so wound up because I thought there was no way we would win and I completely lost my head."

"I'm not normally a vicious player, but for some reason I kicked Kevin Bond and as soon as I did it, I thought I would be on my way... especially as I had already been booked."

"That could have ruined our chances of winning the game, but incredibly the referee let me off and I escaped with just a warning."

Minutes later Paul's anxiety turned to delight, when Luton substitute Raddy Antic stepped up to score the most crucial of goals.

"It was an amazing feeling of joy

**LUTON** will be playing First Division football once more next season. They got the victory they needed at Maine Road in the last game of the season and in so doing sent Manchester City down. But it wasn't without a fright...

and relief because up to that time it seemed that it just wasn't going to be our day," recalls Paul.

"We had had a fair bit of the play but just couldn't find the back of the net and as the game wore on we looked less and less like scoring."

"But then Raddy, who is probably the best striker of a ball at the club, made the break-through with a right foot drive from just outside the box."

"City's 'keeper, Alex Williams, was very unlucky because he got his fingertips to the shot but deflected the ball past two defenders on the line."

"It was a great moment and with just four minutes to go I knew we had done it... it was just a case of keeping our feet on the ground and containing City."

"Those final few minutes seemed to last an eternity. It was a nightmare. I was literally praying for the whistle to go and when it did the feeling was incredible."

Luton manager David Pleat could not hide his feelings and he led a merry dance across the pitch to congratulate his players.

Like many of his colleagues, Paul was overcome with emotion and he admits to shedding a few tears of joy. "It was like winning a cup final and words can't describe how happy and relieved I was," he says.

"The excitement of the occasion got to me afterwards and I sat down and cried... it was unbelievable."

David Pleat said before the game that the week leading up to the clash with City, had been the worst of his and his players' lives, and Paul doesn't disagree.

He says: "With so much depending on this one game there was bound to be a lot of tension,

but what made it worse was people asking our players if they would leave the club if we went down."

"That was very unsettling because we didn't want to think about the prospect of being relegated — all we were concerned about was winning."

"It was the most important game of my career, but I was quite relaxed beforehand... it was the last 20 minutes of the match itself which were unbearable."

"I felt sorry for the City players but at the end of the day it was either them or us to go down, and I'm just glad it was them."

Luton found themselves in a fight to the death against City, when defeats in their last two games left them needing three points to stay up.

It was a dire situation which Paul believes they should never have been in. "We hadn't lost in six games and everyone thought we were out of the relegation battle," he says.

"But then we lost at home to Everton and then away to Manchester United while other teams at the bottom picked up points and we were back in trouble again."

Luton came into the First Division last season with the reputation of being an attractive, attacking side and they proved that by finishing the League campaign as the fifth leading scorers behind Liverpool, Watford, West Ham and Everton.

But their defensive record left a lot to be desired. They conceded 84 goals — an average of two per game.

Paul believes his side's out-and-out attacking style led to their downfall on occasions. "We



Paul Walsh — cried tears of joy after the final whistle and says: "It was like winning a cup final."

are always liable to concede goals because we attack so much, but don't expect drastic changes next season," he says.

"There may be one or two alterations and we need to tighten the defence up a bit, but our manager is committed to attacking football and that's what we'll continue to play."

"We've learned a lot of lessons this season and the experience we have gained will stand us in good stead next year."

"Only Brian Horton had played in the First Division before and it was a whole new ball game for the rest of us. But there's no way we'll be down at the foot of the table this time next year."



Raddy Antic — scored the goal which kept Luton in Division One... and relegated Manchester City.





## Aldershot

**Manager:** Len Walker.  
**Division:** Four.  
**Position:** 17th.  
**Points:** 51.  
**Goals for:** 61.  
**Against:** 82.  
**Biggest win:** 6-1 v Halifax.  
**Heaviest defeat:** 0-7 v Swindon (FA Cup).  
**Top scorers (League):** Dale Banton 24, Howard Goddard 9.  
**FA Cup:** Banton 4. **Milk Cup:** —.  
**Penalty king:** Banton 4.  
**Hat-tricks:** Banton 2, Senior 1.  
**Average home gate:** 1,928.  
**Up or down:** -239.  
**Most League appearances:** Glen Johnson, Ian McDonald 46.



## Arsenal

**Manager:** Terry Neill.  
**Division:** One.  
**Position:** 10th.  
**Points:** 58.  
**Goals for:** 58.  
**Against:** 56.  
**Biggest win:** 4-1 v Luton.  
**Heaviest defeat:** 0-5 v Tottenham.  
**Top scorers (League):** Tony Woodcock 14, Brian Talbot 9.  
**FA Cup:** Graham Rix 4, Woodcock 3. **Milk Cup:** Alan Sunderland 5.  
**Penalty king:** John Hollins 2.  
**Hat-tricks:** Woodcock, Talbot, Sunderland, 1 each.  
**Average home gate:** 24,152.  
**Up or down:** -1,055.  
**Most League appearances:** Kenny Sansom 40, Brian Talbot 38.



## Aston Villa

**Manager:** Tony Barton.  
**Division:** One.  
**Position:** 6th.  
**Points:** 68.  
**Goals for:** 62.  
**Against:** 50.  
**Biggest win:** 4-0 v Stoke.  
**Heaviest defeat:** 0-5 v Everton.  
**Top scorers (League):** Gary Shaw 17, Peter Withe 16. **FA Cup:** Mark Walters, Withe, Shaw, Tony Morley, Gordon Cowans, Colin Gibson 1 each.  
**Milk Cup:** Withe 1.  
**Penalty king:** Cowans 7.  
**Hat-tricks:** None.  
**Average home gate:** 23,752.  
**Up or down:** -3,123.  
**Most League appearances:** Cowans 42, Ken McNaught 41.



## Barnsley

**Manager:** Norman Hunter.  
**Division:** Two.  
**Position:** 10th.  
**Points:** 57.  
**Goals for:** 57.  
**Against:** 55.  
**Biggest win:** 4-0 v Grimsby.  
**Heaviest defeat:** 0-5 v Newcastle.  
**Top scorers (League):** Ronnie Glavin 17, Derrick Parker 11. **FA Cup:** Glavin 1. **Milk Cup:** Glavin 4.  
**Penalty king:** Glavin 2.  
**Hat-tricks:** None.  
**Average home gate:** 12,320.  
**Up or down:** -2,777.  
**Most League appearances:** Phil Chambers 40, Mick McCarthy 39.

# CLUB FACT FILE 1982/83



## Birmingham

**Manager:** Ron Saunders.  
**Division:** One.  
**Position:** 17th.  
**Points:** 50.  
**Goals for:** 40.  
**Against:** 55.  
**Biggest win:** 3-0 v Aston Villa, West Ham, Notts County.  
**Heaviest defeat:** 0-5 v West Ham.  
**Top scorers (League):** Mick Ferguson 8, Mick Harford 6. **FA Cup:** Kevin Summerfield 1. **Milk Cup:** Alan Curbishley, Ian Handysides, 3 each.  
**Penalty king:** Kevin Dillon 3.  
**Hat-tricks:** None.  
**Average home gate:** 15,580.  
**Up or down:** -1,536.  
**Most League appearances:** Noel Blake 37, Curbishley, Byron Stevenson 30.



## Blackburn

**Manager:** Bobby Saxton.  
**Division:** Two.  
**Position:** 11th.  
**Points:** 57.  
**Goals for:** 58.  
**Against:** 58.  
**Biggest win:** 5-1 v Middlesbrough.  
**Heaviest defeat:** 0-5 v Grimsby.  
**Top scorers (League):** Simon Garner 22, Norman Bell, Noel Brotherston 6. **FA Cup:** Garner 1. **Milk Cup:** Derek Fazackerley, Kevin Stonehouse 1 each.  
**Penalty king:** Garner 3.  
**Hat-tricks:** None.  
**Average home gate:** 7,116.  
**Up or down:** -1,288.  
**Most League appearances:** Mike Rathbone 42, Garner 40.



## Blackpool

**Manager:** Sam Ellis.  
**Division:** Four.  
**Position:** 19th.  
**Points:** 49.  
**Goals for:** 55.  
**Against:** 74.  
**Biggest win:** 5-1 v Hereford.  
**Heaviest defeat:** 1-4 v Colchester, Bury and Bristol City.  
**Top scorers (League):** Dave Bamber 10, David Hockaday 8. **FA Cup:** Terry Pashley, Bamber, Andy Brockbank, John Deary 1 each. **Milk Cup:** Bamber 4.  
**Penalty kings:** Pashley, Bobby Downes, 3 each.  
**Hat-tricks:** None.  
**Average home gate:** 3,002.  
**Up or down:** -1,221.  
**Most League appearances:** Pashley 46, Deary 45.



## Bolton

**Manager:** John McGovern.  
**Division:** Two.  
**Position:** 22nd.  
**Points:** 44.  
**Goals for:** 42.  
**Against:** 61.  
**Biggest win:** 4-1 v Charlton.  
**Heaviest defeat:** 0-5 v Carlisle.  
**Top scorers (League):** Tony Henry 8, David Hoggan 6. **FA Cup:** Neil Whatmore 1. **Milk Cup:** Mike Doyle, Henry, Hoggan, Ian Moores, 2 each.  
**Penalty king:** Henry 2.  
**Hat-tricks:** None.  
**Average home gate:** 7,512.  
**Up or down:** -85.  
**Most League appearances:** Jim McDonagh 42, Steve Whitworth 38.





## Bournem'th

**Manager:** Don Megson.  
**Division:** Three.  
**Position:** 14th.  
**Points:** 61.  
**Goals for:** 59.  
**Against:** 68.  
**Biggest win:** 5-2 v Gillingham.  
**Heaviest defeat:** 0-9 v Lincoln.  
**Top scorers (League):** Trevor Morgan 16, Tom Heffernan 10.  
**FA Cup:** —. **Milk Cup:** Morgan 2.  
**Penalty king:** Heffernan 5.  
**Hat-tricks:** Heffernan 1.  
**Average home gate:** 5,723.  
**Up or down:** -210.  
**Most League appearances:** Phil Brignull, Chris Sulley 46, Morgan 45.



## Bradford

**Manager:** Trevor Cherry.  
**Division:** Three.  
**Position:** 12th.  
**Points:** 61.  
**Goals for:** 68.  
**Against:** 69.  
**Biggest win:** 4-0 v Plymouth and Wigan.  
**Heaviest defeat:** 3-6 v Huddersfield.  
**Top scorers (League):** Bobby Campbell 25, Terry Gray 6.  
**FA Cup:** Campbell 2. **Milk Cup:** Campbell 2.  
**Penalty king:** John Black 2.  
**Hat-tricks:** None.  
**Average home gate:** 4,832.  
**Up or down:** -559.  
**Most League appearances:** Les Chapman 46, Campbell 42.



## Brentford

**Manager:** Fred Callaghan.  
**Division:** Three.  
**Position:** 9th.  
**Points:** 64.  
**Goals for:** 88.  
**Against:** 77.  
**Biggest win:** 7-0 v Windsor (FA Cup).  
**Heaviest defeat:** 2-4 v Southend.  
**Top scorers (League):** Francis Joseph 23, Gary Roberts 12.  
**FA Cup:** Tom Mahoney 3. **Milk Cup:** Roberts, Mahoney, 3 each.  
**Penalty king:** Stan Bowles 8.  
**Hat-tricks:** Mahoney 1.  
**Average home gate:** 6,615.  
**Up or down:** +923.  
**Most League appearances:** Paddy Roche 46, Roberts 45.



## Brighton

**Manager:** Jimmy Melia.  
**Division:** One.  
**Position:** 22nd.  
**Points:** 40.  
**Goals for:** 38.  
**Against:** 68.  
**Biggest win:** 4-0 v Man. City (FA Cup).  
**Heaviest defeat:** 0-5 v West Brom and Luton.  
**Top scorers (League):** Michael Robinson 7, Gerry Ryan, Gordon Smith, 6 each.  
**FA Cup:** Jimmy Case 4. **Milk Cup:** Tony Grealish 1.  
**Penalty king:** Smith 1.  
**Hat-tricks:** None.  
**Average home gate:** 14,684.  
**Up or down:** -3,560.  
**Most League appearances:** Gary Stevens 41, Steve Gattling 40.

# CLUB FACT FILE 1982/83



## Bristol City

**Manager:** Terry Cooper.  
**Division:** Four.  
**Position:** 14th.  
**Points:** 56.  
**Goals for:** 59.  
**Against:** 70.  
**Biggest win:** 4-1 v Blackpool.  
**Heaviest defeat:** 1-7 v Northampton.  
**Top scorers (League):** Glyn Riley 16, Tom Ritchie 13.  
**FA Cup:** Peter Johnson 1. **Milk Cup:** Terry Boyle 2.  
**Penalty king:** Ritchie 6.  
**Hat-tricks:** Riley 1.  
**Average home gate:** 4,695.  
**Up or down:** -1,816.  
**Most League appearances:** John Shaw 46, Riley, Alan Crawford 44.



## Bristol R

**Manager:** Bobby Gould.  
**Division:** Three.  
**Position:** 7th.  
**Points:** 75.  
**Goals for:** 84.  
**Against:** 58.  
**Biggest win:** 5-0 v Wigan.  
**Heaviest defeat:** 0-5 v Walsall.  
**Top scorers (League):** Paul Randall 20, Graham Withey 10.  
**FA Cup:** David Williams 2. **Milk Cup:** Randall 2.  
**Penalty king:** Brian Williams, David Williams, 1 each.  
**Hat-tricks:** None.  
**Average home gate:** 6,191.  
**Up or down:** +592.  
**Most League appearances:** Phil Kite 46, Aidan McCaffery 45.



## Burnley

**Manager:** Frank Casper.  
**Division:** Two.  
**Position:** 21st.  
**Points:** 44.  
**Goals for:** 56.  
**Against:** 65.  
**Biggest win:** 7-1 v Charlton.  
**Heaviest defeat:** 0-5 v Sheff. Wed. (FA Cup).  
**Top scorers (League):** Billy Hamilton 13, Steve Taylor 12.  
**FA Cup:** Taylor, Trevor Steven, Hamilton, 2 each. **Milk Cup:** Paul McGee, Hamilton, 4 each.  
**Penalty king:** Brian Laws 5.  
**Hat-tricks:** Hamilton, Taylor, 2 each.  
**Average home gate:** 9,004.  
**Up or down:** +2,068.  
**Most League appearances:** Mike Phelan 42, Laws 41.



## Bury

**Manager:** Jim Iley.  
**Division:** Four.  
**Position:** 5th.  
**Points:** 81.  
**Goals for:** 74.  
**Against:** 56.  
**Biggest win:** 4-0 v Hartlepool.  
**Heaviest defeat:** 3-5 v Burnley (Milk Cup).  
**Top scorers (League):** Craig Madden 19, Stuart Parker, Steve Johnson, 10 each.  
**FA Cup:** Paul Hilton 1. **Milk Cup:** Madden, Paul Cruickshank, Tommy Gore, Joe Jakub, 1 each.  
**Penalty king:** Gore 4.  
**Hat-tricks:** Madden 1.  
**Average home gate:** 3,092.  
**Up or down:** -465.  
**Most League appearances:** Paul Gardner, John Bramhall, Jakub, 46 each.



# STAR VIEW

## No 4 ANDY GRAY v PETER WITHE

THE 'Star View' spotlight switches this week to the Midlands, to compare Aston Villa striker Peter Withe and the man he replaced at Villa Park, Andy Gray, now wearing the old gold of Wolves.

And the verdict comes from experienced central defender John McAlle, who finished the season with Derby, but who has played alongside both players at Molineux.

Each week we'll be choosing two top stars performing similar roles and seeking the verdict of a player well qualified to assess their strengths and weaknesses. Marks out of ten are awarded for each facet of their play with a maximum score of 100 for each player.

It's a series that's bound to get you talking... don't miss it.

### ANDY GRAY

Born: Glasgow.  
Age: 27.  
Previous clubs: Dundee United, Aston Villa.  
League appearances: 62 (Scotland) and 237 (England).  
League goals: 36 (Scotland) and 90 (England).  
International honours: 14 Scottish caps.  
Major domestic honours: Two League Cup winners' medals.

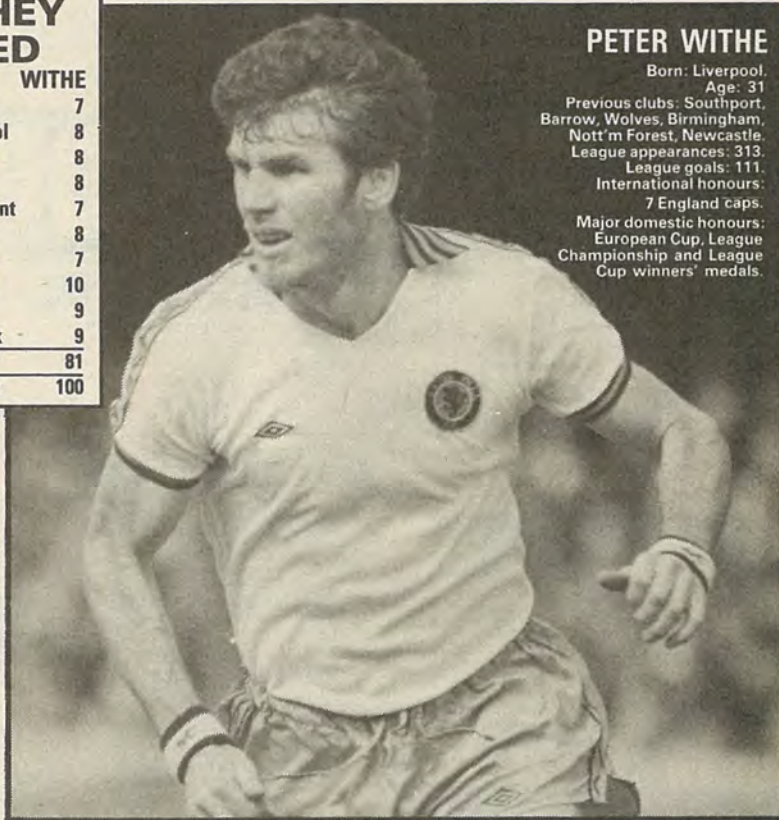


### HOW THEY SCORED

| GRAY |              | WITHE |
|------|--------------|-------|
| 7    | Shooting     | 7     |
| 7    | Ball control | 8     |
| 7    | Passing      | 8     |
| 7    | Vision       | 8     |
| 7    | Temperament  | 7     |
| 9    | Heading      | 8     |
| 7    | Tackling     | 7     |
| 8    | Stamina      | 10    |
| 8    | Speed        | 9     |
| 8    | Teamwork     | 9     |
| 75   | TOTAL        | 81    |
| 100  | Maximum      | 100   |

### PETER WITHE

Born: Liverpool.  
Age: 31  
Previous clubs: Southport, Barrow, Wolves, Birmingham, Nott'm Forest, Newcastle.  
League appearances: 313.  
League goals: 111.  
International honours: 7 England caps.  
Major domestic honours: European Cup, League Championship and League Cup winners' medals.



*John McAlle says*

LIKE a good bottle of wine, Peter Withe has matured with age.

I have always rated him very highly, but now he seems to be playing better than ever... despite his 31 years.

He knows the role of the centre-forward better than anyone else in the game and I would have him in any side of mine.

I can recall the time when Peter joined Wolves in the early seventies after a spell in South Africa. He was very raw at the time, but there was an enormous amount of potential there.

He impressed me immensely and since leaving Molineux he's had a marvellous career. Every time I've seen him play — for Birmingham, Forest, Newcastle and Villa — he has improved.

Now he's really at the peak of his form and earning the international recognition he should have been given years ago.

I can't understand why he was overlooked by England for so long and only picked up his first cap at the age of 30.

We have struggled to produce top class players in recent years and yet the England selectors continued to ignore a striker who comes into that category.

I believe he should have been in the international side during his days at Forest, when he was in fabulous form and had a great partnership with Tony Woodcock.

He's a tremendous all-round player and a very difficult one to mark. I've played against him several times and it's a job to keep tabs on him for the whole 90 minutes.

### Excellent

He's a big, strong player and puts himself about, but he also has a lot of skill on the ground. His control and passing is excellent and he's deceptively quick.

I remember during his days at Wolves how, in training, there was no one to touch him over 200 yards... and he seems to have lost little of that speed.

Peter's a marvellous player to have in your side because he always makes himself available. You know that if you're in trouble you can pump a long ball up front — in the air or along the ground — and Peter will get on the end of it.

He's a consistent goalscorer and a great competitor. He has been around for a long time, but his enthusiasm has

never waned and I think he will go on playing at the top for a few more years yet.

Like Peter, Andy Gray is a strong player who loves nothing more than a good, physical battle.

He is an out-and-out centre-forward and fights for everything. In fact, over the years he has probably been too brave for his own good because he has suffered a number of injuries.

He goes in where it hurts and takes a lot of stick. Had he not been so brave and steered clear of injury, I'm sure his career at club and international level would have blossomed even more.

Andy's at his best in and around the 18-yard box — as he proved beyond doubt during his time at Aston Villa.

You can play balls into the penalty area and when it looks as though he has no chance of reaching it, he will suddenly emerge from nowhere and get an important touch.

I think Andy needs to play in a side with a good winger who can constantly supply him with crosses in the box, where he can put his excellent heading ability to the best use.

I always enjoy playing against Andy because I know if I can keep a player of his class quiet for 90 minutes I have done a good job... that's never an easy thing to do.

In many respects he is similar to Peter because he's always on the move,

making himself available for balls to be knocked towards him.

He scored a lot of goals at Villa and I think he would have found the net a lot more at Wolves had he not been so badly hit by injuries.

Often when he did play last season, he was not 100 per cent fit and carried a niggling injury of some kind. But despite that, he always gave his best and deserves a lot of credit for it.

Andy played a slightly different role at Molineux this year — somewhat deeper than we're used to seeing him — and the Wolves' players I have spoken to say his work rate and all-round game has improved no end.

### Flagged

We've not heard so much of Andy while he has been playing in the Second Division, but next season he will be back in the top flight and I'm sure that will bring the best out of him.

His international career has flagged over the last year or so, but it was a reward for his great work at Wolves this season that he was recalled to the Scotland squad for the British Championship games.

Overall there is not much to choose between Andy and Peter, but I think the Villa striker has the edge because of his wealth of experience and the success he has enjoyed over the last few years.



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**WANTS:** Unused British stamps. Øjvind Leth, Houmannsvej 9, 9480 Løkken, Denmark.

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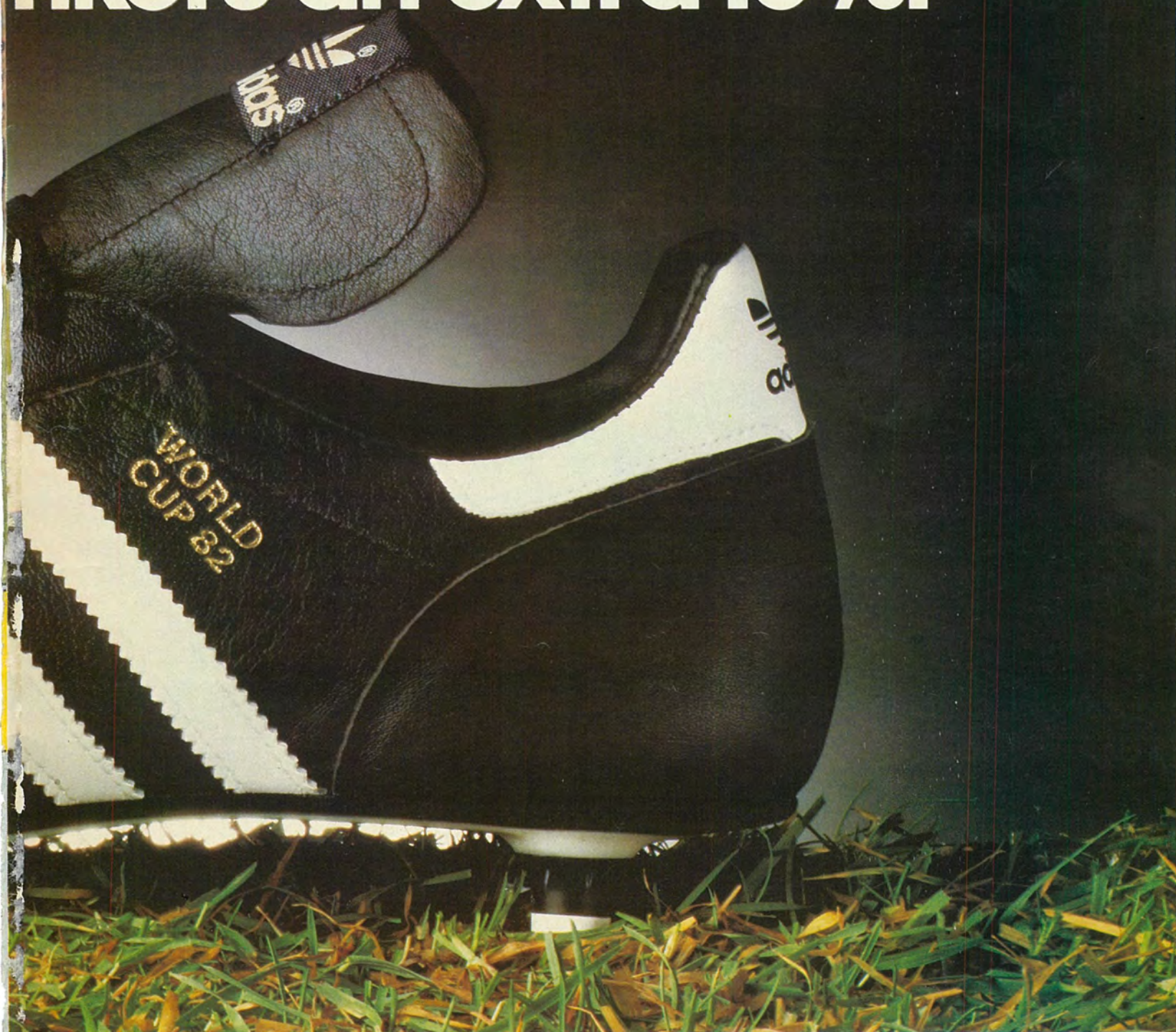
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'MATCH' recently featured the 'Programme of the Year' awards and I just cannot see how the programmes of Bradford City and Walsall attracted more votes than Portsmouth's.

The 'Pompey' programme has bags of information, colour, very little advertising and costs 40p.

On the other hand, Bradford's has very little information and many adverts and Walsall's is very dark and represents poor value.

The best programmes in Division Three are Portsmouth, Sheffield United, Bournemouth and Southend.

*Brendan Malley, Portsmouth, Hants.*

IF ALDERSHOT could reproduce the kind of form they showed earlier this month against Halifax when they won 6-1, they would soon be in the Third Division.

The Shots' were brilliant and Dale Banton, who received the supporters' 'Player of the Year' award before the match, celebrated by scoring five goals!

Can you confirm that this is the most goals one player has scored in a Football League match this season?

*Andrew Smith (12), Woking, Surrey.*

● **YES. The previous best was four and nine players had managed that feat.**

WIMBLEDON have once again achieved an immediate return to Division Three and congratulations must go to manager Dave Bassett, who has built a championship-winning side on a shoestring budget and gates of only 2,500.

In six years of League football, Wimbledon have been relegated twice and promoted three times. There's always something happening at Plough Lane!  
*Andrew Woods, New Malden, Surrey.*

In response to Sue Tsang's letter, I too would drool over any picture of Ian Rush you have the wisdom to publish.

So you see, it is not only Sussex schoolgirls but also Preston Poly students — well one, anyway — you have a duty to please.

My admiration for this great Liverpool footballer is not merely limited to his legs, nor is it shared with Steve Coppell. So

# TERRACE TALK

WELCOME to the best read letters page in football... with unique prizes for every reader who gets his or her letter published.

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please print a colour poster of Ian.

I have included my address so that perhaps Sue Tsang could get in touch with me. We Ian Rush admirers should stick together.

*Liz Webster (18), 18 Dodney Drive, Lea, Preston, Lancs PR2 1XR.*

I THINK it is totally unfair that players who are booked or sent off in League games should be punished by being banned from subsequent Cup-ties.

It is sad that Steve Foster and Remi Moses missed this year's Cup Final, as did Glenn Roeder in last year's Cup Final Replay.

Their 'crimes' were in League matches and their suspensions should have been applied to League games only.

*Martin Allen, Harlow, Essex.*

*Steve Foster — unfair that he missed the Cup Final, says Martin Allen.*



THEN: Parading the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1971.

## GOLDEN GOOF

"CHELSEA may be celebrating, but the trophy in the picture looks more like the FA Cup than the European Cup Winners' Cup," says a disgruntled Chelsea fan from Colchester, Essex.

CAN you suggest any cure for my Dad who is a West Bromwich Albion supporter?

*Kathryn Hughes, Shoeburyness, Essex.*

● **AFRAID not. Baggies Disease is incurable. You'll know the end is near when he starts raving... shouting things like 'Albion for the Cup'. You have my deepest sympathies.**

THE chairmen of the 92 Football League clubs have become very predictable and boring when it comes to electing new clubs to the League.

It is a case of chairmen helping chairmen when the four bottom teams in Division Four seek re-election.

An automatic system in which the Alliance Premier League winners replace the bottom team in Division Four would be a step in the right direction... and would stop this old pals' act.  
*David Wells, Oakham, Leicestershire.*

I SEE that Diego Maradona is shouting his mouth off again... claiming that Spanish football is poor. (International Hotline, April 16).

It's about time that he changed his big-headed attitude. I've got no respect for him. His attitude in the World Cup Finals was childish.

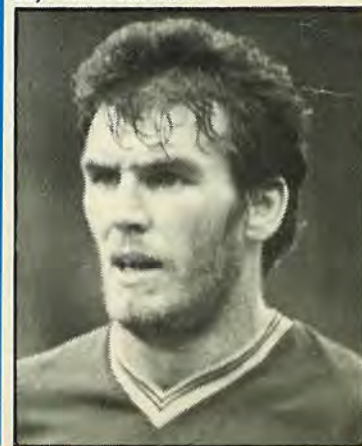
Maradona may be the greatest footballer in the world but when it comes to showing courtesy to his fellow professionals and

setting an example to youngsters, the Argentine ace leaves a lot to be desired.  
*A. Richards, Ullingswich, Hereford.*

IT WAS great to see Aston Villa's Peter Withe — called into the England team for the European Championship qualifier with Hungary — capping a splendid performance with a great goal, his first for his country.

Peter's terrific display must surely produce more caps — when he has recovered from injury — and I think he would be even more effective for England if he had the services of an out-and-out winger putting over telling centres from the by-line.  
*Victor Butchers, Stone, Kent.*

*Peter Withe — must win more caps, says Victor Butchers.*



## POMPEY PRAISED

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I WOULD like to congratulate my local team, Portsmouth, on the scheme they organised for unemployed football fans such as myself.

Recently, several of the 'Pompey' staff gave up their spare time to spend it with me and other unemployed lads in a special 'football afternoon'.

This is the first scheme of its kind I have heard of and I do hope the idea catches on, so that the boredom of unemployment is lifted for other young football fans around the country.

*Stephen Poxon, Gosport, Hants.*



**EARLY** in the season the infamous gipsy's curse supposedly hanging over St Andrews appeared to be sending Birmingham full steam towards the Second Division.

Now, after yet another amazing escape act at the death, relegation sufferers Swansea, Manchester City and Brighton might claim that Ron Saunders' brave battlers had the curse replaced by divine intervention.

Just look at the startling facts...

In the middle of April, there just seemed no way out for Birmingham, barring a football miracle. They were rock bottom following a 3-1 defeat at Luton which left them six points from safety with only six matches remaining.

But the 'Blues' refused to lie down without a fight, and in the next five games collected 13 points from a possible 15, to leave them virtually home and dry before their final match at Southampton, which they duly won in the last minute for good measure.

The man who beat England's

Peter Shilton in the dying seconds was lanky striker Mick Harford whose seven goals in the last eight games the previous year had kept Birmingham in the First Division.

This time he scored three crucial goals in the dramatic revival, including a late winner in his home town of Sunderland and the vital second goal in the 2-0 defeat of Tottenham which as good as ended Birmingham's relegation fears.

It at least provided him with a grandstand finish after missing four months of the season following a hernia operation, and guaranteed Birmingham another taste of the high life that seemed nearly impossible just a few weeks earlier.

"To be honest, the lads never talked about relegation. It was banned by the manager. He just told us to keep on battling and hope that we got the breaks," says Mick, who joined Birmingham in March last year after spells with Lincoln, Newcastle and Bristol City.

"I think it was more nervy waiting for the results of our

fellow strugglers, than actually playing in games.

"Even in the darkest times we never gave up hope, and with Ron Saunders around you are never allowed to relax. We believed that if we went out and gave 100 per cent, then we might just get some of the luck that had deserted us throughout the season.

"We had so many serious injuries last season that we never managed to get a settled side together until the closing weeks. I think the boss used something like thirty players during the season.

"I think it was after the 1-0 victory over Everton at St Andrews on April 23 that we really believed that we could stay up.

"We had battled away all game but found Everton goalkeeper Jim Arnold in brilliant form, and then Robert Hopkins managed to snatch a winner in the last seconds.

"I think that match was the turning point, because after that we beat Sunderland and Tottenham and drew with Brighton to guarantee survival."

"But if we had to thank one man

# Battling Blues crush the curse

Mick Harford — "Talk of relegation was banned by the manager and even in the darkest times we never gave up hope."



for our survival it's got to goalkeeper Tony Coton.

"Without his brilliance in the closing weeks of the season, especially in the match at Sunderland, I think we might have been sunk.

"We went to Southampton knowing that unless we lost by four clear goals we would be safe. But, had it not have been for Tony, we might well have conceded those goals before I grabbed the winner."

After two relegation battles in a year with Birmingham, Mick hopes that the club will avoid a similar struggle next season.

"They say football is tough at the top, but I can tell you, it's much tougher at the bottom."

★★★★★★★★★★★★

RON Saunders used thirty different players last season in his successful bid to keep Birmingham in the First Division.

And since he moved across from Aston Villa in January last year, fourteen senior players have departed, including eight since the start of last season, and that's before his close season Spring clean.

Since his reign started, the players who have disappeared through the gates at St Andrews include Bud Brocken, Archie Gemmill, Phil Hawker, Roger Jones, Geoff Scott, Colin Todd, Tonie Van Mierlo, Jeff Wealds, Neil Whatmore, Frank Worthington, Alan Curbishley, Kevin Dillon, Colin Brazier and Kevin Summerfield.

Players who have been signed for cash or in exchange are: Mick Ferguson, Howard Gayle, Noel Blake, Mick Harford, Byron Stevenson and Robert Hopkins, and his free transfer signings include Jim Blyth, Frank Carrodus, Jim Hagan, Mick Halsall and Wayne Mumford.

★★★★★★★★★★★★

## PEN

I AM an Italian boy and would like to write to other football enthusiasts from France, England, Spain and Portugal. Alessandro Scarbolo, Via Roma 38, 33050 Bagnaria Arsa (UD) Italy.

I AM a 17-year-old Manchester United supporter and my favourite player is Bryan Robson. I would like a male pen pal aged between 17 and 19 who supports any team. I collect football souvenirs and autographs. Carol Barr, 16 Benchill Ct. Rd., Wythenshawe, Manchester M22 4GL.

I AM a 16-year-old Tottenham fan, my favourite player is Steve Perryman and I would like a pen pal, male or female, over the age of 16. Melanie Chapman, 14 Skiddaw Close, Whitecourt, Black Notley, Braintree, Essex.

I AM a Liverpool fan from Tasmania and would like a pen pal from England. I am 13-years-old and would like someone my own age who also supports the 'Reds'. John Bergfield, 58 Lantana Road, Risdon Vale, Hobart, Tasmania 7016, Australia.

I'D like a pen pal who supports any Football League team. I'm ten-years-old and follow Huddersfield. Paul Drake, 178 Smith House Lane, Lightcliffe, Halifax, West Yorks. HX3 8UP.

LIVERPOOL are my top team and Kenny Dalglish my favourite player. I'd like a pen pal who goes to Anfield regularly. Faizal Leeya (18), 77 Belvedere Road, Harare, Zimbabwe.

I'M a 15-year-old Spurs fan and would like to write to a fellow Tottenham supporter. Jane Thompson, 13 Lorrain Road, Whitekeas, South Shields, Tyne and Wear.

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# MATCH FACTS MATCH FACTS

## Friday, May 13 SCOTTISH Second Division

MONTROSE (0) 1 (Copeland 76)  
FORFAR (1) 2 (McPhee 38, Gallagher 58)  
Att: 300

## Monday, May 16 Division Four

TRANMERE (0) 0  
ROCHDALE (0) 0  
Att: 1,982  
Tranmere: Endersby 6, Mathias 6, Burgess 7,  
Mungall 7, Aspinall 6, Ferguson 5, ★PALIOS  
8, Powell 6, Griffiths 6, Wellings 7, Leonard  
5.  
Rochdale: Crawford 6, Keenan 6, Snookes 6,  
Farrell 6, Higgins 6, ★TAYLOR 7 (sub.  
Williams), Thompson 6, Greaves 5, French 6,  
Hilditch 6, Martinez 5.  
Referee: J. B. Worrall (Warrington)  
Match Rating: ★★

## Tuesday, May 17 Division Two

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 1 (Edwards 62)  
BURNLEY (0) 0  
Att: 22,714  
Crystal Palace: Fry 7, Locke 7, Nebbeling 8,  
Hughton 7, Cannon 7, Gilbert 7, Giles 7,  
Mabbutt 7, Edwards 7, ★MURPHY 9 (sub.  
Langley), Hilaire 8.  
Burnley: O'Rourke 6, Dixon 6, Donachie 6,  
Phelan 7, ★DOBSON 8 (sub. Overson 6),  
Flynn 7, Wharton 6, Steven 7, Hamilton 6,  
Donovan 6, Scott 6.  
Referee: D. Axcell (Southend)  
Match Rating: ★★

## Division Four

DARLINGTON (1) 4 (Todd 37, Walsh 57, 61,  
Cartwright 68)  
PETERBOROUGH (2) 3 (Linton 20,  
Benjamin 40, 85)  
Att: 1,002  
Darlington: Barber 7, Kamara 7, Young 5,  
Smith 7, Barton 7, ★CARTWRIGHT 8,  
Gilbert 5, McLean 6, Todd 7, Walsh 7,  
Wakefield 7.  
Peterborough: Seaman 7, Mercer 6, Imlach  
6, Collins 5, Slack 7, Linton 7, Clarke 7,  
Rodaway 7, Chard 5, ★BENJAMIN 8,  
Rayment 5.  
Referee: T. Jones (Macclesfield)  
Match Rating: ★★

## PLAYER RATINGS

10 Out of this world  
9 Outstanding  
8 Excellent  
7 Good  
6 Adequate  
5 Off form  
4 Poor

## MATCH RATINGS

★★★★★ A classic  
★★★★★ Good value  
★★★★★ Satisfactory  
★★★ Dull  
★ A waste of money

## Wednesday, May 18 UEFA Cup Final Second Leg

BENFICA (Portugal) (1) 1 (Sheu)  
ANDERLECHT (Belgium) (1) 1 (Lozano)  
Anderlecht win 2-1 on aggregate

## Welsh Cup Final Second Leg

SWANSEA (0) 2 (Latchford 2)  
WREXHAM (0) 0  
Swansea win 4-1 on aggregate  
Att: 5,630

## Saturday, May 21 FA Cup Final

BRIGHTON (1) 2 (Smith 13, Stevens 87)  
MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 2 (Stapleton 55,  
Wilkins 72)  
After Extra Time  
Att: 100,000 (at Wembley)  
Receipts: £886,000  
Brighton: Moseley 7, Ramsey 7 (sub. Ryan 7),  
★STEVENS 8, Gating 7, Pearce 7, Smillie 7,  
Grealish 7, Case 6, Howlett 6, Robinson 7,  
Smith 7.  
Man Utd: Bailey 7, Duxbury 7, Moran 7,  
McQueen 7, Albiston 7, Davies 7, Wilkins 7,  
Robson 6, Muhren 6, Whiteside 6,  
★STAPLETON 8.  
Referee: A. Grey (Gt. Yarmouth)  
Match Rating: ★★

## SCOTTISH FA Cup Final

ABERDEEN (0) 1 (Black 116)  
RANGERS (0) 0  
After Extra Time  
Att: 62,979 (at Hampden Park)  
Receipts: £210,000  
Aberdeen: Leighton 8, Rougvié 7 (sub.  
Watson 6), McMaster 7, Cooper 5, McLeish 8,  
★MILLER 9, Strachan 5, Simpson 5,  
McGhee 5, Black 6, Weir 4 (sub. Hewitt).  
Rangers: McCloy 8, Dawson 7, McClelland 8,  
McPherson 7, Paterson 7, ★BETT 9, Cooper  
6 (sub. Davies), McKinnon 4, Clark 4, Russell  
6, MacDonald 6 (sub. Dalziel).  
Referee: D. F. T. Syme (Glasgow)  
Match Rating: ★★



Watford's Luther Blissett — topped the scoring charts in the First Division.

## MATCH WINNERS

THE three lucky winners of the 'Spot the Difference' competition which appeared in the May 7 issue of 'Match' each receive a team strip of their choice.  
They are: Richard Harrington, New Southgate, London; Matthew Baker, Turners Hill, Sussex; and Jonathan Cooper, Tetbury, Glos.



## (League, Cups, Total)

### Division One

|                     |    |   |    |
|---------------------|----|---|----|
| Blissett (Watford)  | 26 | 3 | 29 |
| Rush (Liverpool)    | 24 | 4 | 28 |
| Latchford (Swansea) | 20 | 4 | 24 |
| Wark (Ipswich)      | 20 | 3 | 23 |
| Deehan (Norwich)    | 20 | 1 | 21 |
| Woodcock (Arsenal)  | 14 | 7 | 21 |

### Division Two

|                       |    |   |    |
|-----------------------|----|---|----|
| Lineker (Leicester)   | 26 | 0 | 26 |
| Garner (Blackburn)    | 22 | 1 | 23 |
| Varadi (Newcastle)    | 21 | 1 | 22 |
| Bannister (Sheff Wed) | 20 | 2 | 22 |
| Drinkell (Grimsby)    | 17 | 5 | 22 |
| Glavin (Barnsley)     | 17 | 5 | 22 |

### Division Three

|                     |    |   |    |
|---------------------|----|---|----|
| Tynan (Newport)     | 25 | 6 | 31 |
| Campbell (Bradford) | 25 | 5 | 30 |
| Bell (Lincoln)      | 24 | 3 | 27 |
| Dixon (Reading)     | 26 | 0 | 26 |
| Hemmerman (Cardiff) | 22 | 4 | 26 |

### Division Four

|                      |    |   |    |
|----------------------|----|---|----|
| Banton (Aldershot)   | 24 | 4 | 28 |
| Cammack (Scunthorpe) | 25 | 1 | 26 |
| Leslie (Wimbledon)   | 23 | 2 | 25 |
| Massey (Northampton) | 21 | 4 | 25 |

## SCOTTISH Premier Division

|                     |    |    |    |
|---------------------|----|----|----|
| Nicholas (Celtic)   | 29 | 17 | 46 |
| Dodds (Dundee Utd)  | 22 | 5  | 27 |
| McGarvey (Celtic)   | 17 | 7  | 24 |
| MacDonald (Rangers) | 10 | 10 | 20 |

## LEAGUE TABLES

### DIVISION ONE

|            | P  | W  | D  | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|------------|----|----|----|---|----|----|-----|
| Liverpool  | 42 | 16 | 4  | 1 | 55 | 16 | 82  |
| Watford    | 42 | 16 | 2  | 3 | 49 | 20 | 66  |
| Man Utd.   | 42 | 14 | 7  | 0 | 39 | 10 | 56  |
| Spurs      | 42 | 15 | 4  | 2 | 50 | 15 | 55  |
| Nott'm F.  | 42 | 12 | 5  | 4 | 34 | 18 | 49  |
| A Villa    | 42 | 17 | 2  | 2 | 47 | 15 | 54  |
| Everton    | 42 | 13 | 6  | 2 | 43 | 19 | 54  |
| West Ham   | 42 | 13 | 3  | 5 | 41 | 23 | 49  |
| Ipswich    | 42 | 11 | 3  | 7 | 39 | 23 | 46  |
| Arsenal    | 42 | 11 | 6  | 4 | 36 | 19 | 48  |
| West Brom  | 42 | 11 | 5  | 5 | 35 | 20 | 47  |
| Soton      | 42 | 11 | 5  | 5 | 36 | 22 | 44  |
| Stoke      | 42 | 13 | 4  | 4 | 34 | 21 | 53  |
| Norwich    | 42 | 10 | 6  | 5 | 30 | 18 | 44  |
| Notts Co.  | 42 | 12 | 4  | 5 | 37 | 25 | 52  |
| Sunderland | 42 | 7  | 10 | 4 | 30 | 22 | 54  |
| Birmingham | 42 | 9  | 7  | 5 | 29 | 24 | 33  |
| Luton      | 42 | 7  | 7  | 7 | 34 | 33 | 31  |
| Coventry   | 42 | 10 | 5  | 6 | 29 | 17 | 34  |
| Man City   | 42 | 9  | 5  | 7 | 26 | 23 | 44  |
| Swansea    | 42 | 10 | 4  | 7 | 32 | 29 | 40  |
| Brighton   | 42 | 8  | 7  | 6 | 25 | 22 | 40  |

### DIVISION TWO

|            | P  | W  | D  | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|------------|----|----|----|---|----|----|-----|
| QPR        | 42 | 16 | 3  | 2 | 51 | 16 | 85  |
| Wolves     | 42 | 14 | 5  | 2 | 42 | 16 | 75  |
| Leicester  | 42 | 11 | 4  | 6 | 36 | 15 | 70  |
| Fulham     | 42 | 13 | 5  | 3 | 36 | 20 | 69  |
| N'castle   | 42 | 13 | 6  | 2 | 43 | 21 | 67  |
| Sheff Wed. | 42 | 9  | 8  | 4 | 33 | 23 | 63  |
| Oldham     | 42 | 10 | 3  | 8 | 38 | 26 | 61  |
| Leeds      | 42 | 7  | 11 | 3 | 28 | 22 | 60  |
| Shrewsb'y  | 42 | 8  | 9  | 4 | 20 | 15 | 59  |
| Barnsley   | 42 | 9  | 8  | 4 | 37 | 28 | 57  |
| Blackburn  | 42 | 11 | 7  | 3 | 38 | 21 | 57  |
| Cambridge  | 42 | 11 | 7  | 3 | 26 | 17 | 57  |
| Derby      | 42 | 7  | 10 | 4 | 27 | 24 | 49  |
| C. Palace  | 42 | 11 | 7  | 3 | 31 | 17 | 51  |
| Carlisle   | 42 | 10 | 6  | 5 | 44 | 28 | 48  |
| Middlesb'o | 42 | 8  | 7  | 6 | 27 | 29 | 48  |
| Charlton   | 42 | 11 | 3  | 7 | 40 | 31 | 48  |
| Chelsea    | 42 | 8  | 8  | 5 | 31 | 22 | 47  |
| Grimsby    | 42 | 9  | 7  | 5 | 32 | 26 | 47  |
| Rotherham  | 42 | 6  | 7  | 8 | 28 | 24 | 45  |
| Burnley    | 42 | 10 | 4  | 7 | 38 | 29 | 44  |
| Bolton     | 42 | 10 | 2  | 9 | 30 | 26 | 44  |

### DIVISION THREE

|            | P  | W  | D  | L  | F  | A  | Pts |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Portsmouth | 46 | 16 | 4  | 3  | 43 | 19 | 91  |
| Cardiff    | 46 | 17 | 5  | 1  | 45 | 14 | 86  |
| Hudders'fd | 46 | 15 | 8  | 0  | 56 | 18 | 82  |
| Newport    | 46 | 13 | 7  | 3  | 40 | 20 | 78  |
| Oxford     | 46 | 12 | 9  | 2  | 41 | 23 | 78  |
| Lincoln    | 46 | 17 | 1  | 5  | 55 | 22 | 76  |
| Bristol R. | 46 | 16 | 4  | 3  | 55 | 21 | 76  |
| Plymouth   | 46 | 15 | 2  | 6  | 37 | 23 | 76  |
| Brentford  | 46 | 14 | 4  | 5  | 50 | 28 | 74  |
| Walsall    | 46 | 14 | 5  | 4  | 38 | 19 | 74  |
| Sheff Utd. | 46 | 16 | 3  | 4  | 44 | 20 | 74  |
| Bradford   | 46 | 11 | 7  | 5  | 41 | 27 | 61  |
| Gillingham | 46 | 12 | 4  | 7  | 37 | 29 | 61  |
| Brnmouth   | 46 | 11 | 7  | 5  | 35 | 20 | 61  |
| Southend   | 46 | 10 | 8  | 5  | 41 | 28 | 59  |
| Preston    | 46 | 11 | 10 | 2  | 35 | 17 | 58  |
| Millwall   | 46 | 12 | 7  | 4  | 41 | 24 | 58  |
| Wigan      | 46 | 10 | 4  | 9  | 35 | 33 | 54  |
| Exeter     | 46 | 12 | 4  | 7  | 49 | 43 | 54  |
| Orient     | 46 | 10 | 6  | 7  | 44 | 38 | 54  |
| Reading    | 46 | 10 | 8  | 5  | 37 | 28 | 53  |
| Wrexham    | 46 | 11 | 6  | 6  | 40 | 26 | 51  |
| Doncaster  | 46 | 6  | 8  | 9  | 38 | 44 | 38  |
| Chester    | 46 | 6  | 6  | 11 | 28 | 28 | 37  |

### DIVISION FOUR

|            | P  | W  | D | L  | F  | A  | Pts |
|------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Wimbledon  | 46 | 17 | 4 | 2  | 57 | 23 | 92  |
| Hull       | 46 | 14 | 8 | 1  | 48 | 14 | 91  |
| P. Vale    | 46 | 15 | 4 | 4  | 37 | 16 | 88  |
| Scunthorpe | 46 | 13 | 7 | 3  | 41 | 17 | 88  |
| Bury       | 46 | 15 | 4 | 4  | 43 | 20 | 88  |
| Colchester | 46 | 17 | 5 | 1  | 51 | 19 | 87  |
| York       | 46 | 18 | 4 | 1  | 59 | 19 | 87  |
| Swindon    | 46 | 14 | 3 | 6  | 45 | 27 | 68  |
| Peterboro  | 46 | 13 | 6 | 4  | 38 | 28 | 64  |
| Manfield   | 46 | 11 | 6 | 6  | 32 | 26 | 55  |
| Halifax    | 46 | 9  | 8 | 6  | 31 | 23 | 54  |
| Torquay    | 46 | 12 | 3 | 8  | 38 | 30 | 54  |
| Chester    | 46 | 8  | 6 | 9  | 28 | 24 | 51  |
| Bristol C. | 46 | 10 | 8 | 5  | 32 | 25 | 51  |
| Noton      | 46 | 10 | 8 | 5  | 43 | 29 | 51  |
| Stockport  | 46 | 11 | 8 | 4  | 41 | 31 | 51  |
| Darlington | 46 | 8  | 5 | 10 | 27 | 30 | 51  |
| Aldershot  | 46 | 11 | 5 | 7  | 40 | 35 | 51  |
| Tranmere   | 46 | 8  | 8 | 7  | 30 | 29 | 51  |
| Rochdale   | 46 | 11 | 8 | 4  | 38 | 25 | 51  |
| Blackpool  | 46 | 10 | 8 | 5  | 32 | 23 | 51  |
| Hartlepool | 46 | 11 | 5 | 7  | 30 | 24 | 51  |
| Crewe      | 46 | 9  | 5 | 9  | 35 | 32 | 51  |
| Hereford   | 46 | 8  | 6 | 9  | 19 | 23 | 51  |

### SCOTTISH

#### PREMIER DIVISION

|            | P  | W  | D  | L  | F  | A  | Pts |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Dundee U   | 36 | 13 | 4  | 1  | 57 | 18 | 41  |
| Celtic     | 36 | 12 | 3  | 3  | 44 | 18 | 33  |
| Aberdeen   | 36 | 14 | 0  | 4  | 46 | 12 | 55  |
| Rangers    | 36 | 9  | 6  | 3  | 32 | 16 | 46  |
| St Mirren  | 36 | 8  | 5  | 5  | 30 | 18 | 33  |
| Dundee     | 36 | 8  | 3  | 7  | 29 | 28 | 29  |
| Hibs       | 36 | 3  | 11 | 4  | 21 | 17 | 24  |
| Motherwell | 36 | 9  | 3  | 6  | 28 | 27 | 34  |
| Morton     | 36 | 4  | 4  | 10 | 14 | 26 | 20  |
| Kilmarnock | 36 | 3  | 7  | 8  | 17 | 31 | 17  |

#### FIRST DIVISION

|             | P  | W  | D | L  | F  | A  | Pts |
|-------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| St Johnstn  | 39 | 17 | 1 | 2  | 34 | 10 | 55  |
| Hearts      | 39 | 13 | 4 | 3  | 46 | 20 | 54  |
| Clydebank   | 39 | 8  | 5 | 6  | 32 | 27 | 35  |
| Partick     | 39 | 9  | 6 | 4  | 31 | 23 | 33  |
| Airdrie     | 39 | 7  | 3 | 9  | 27 | 27 | 27  |
| Alloa       | 39 | 8  | 7 | 5  | 31 | 21 | 31  |
| Dumbarton   | 39 | 6  | 7 | 6  | 26 | 32 | 27  |
| Falkirk     | 39 | 8  | 2 | 9  | 20 | 22 | 27  |
| Raith       | 39 | 8  | 3 | 8  | 32 | 29 | 34  |
| Clyde       | 39 | 8  | 2 | 10 | 32 | 38 | 28  |
| Hamilton    | 39 | 7  | 6 | 7  | 27 | 32 | 34  |
| Ayr         | 39 | 9  | 4 | 7  | 29 | 26 | 32  |
| Dunfermline | 39 | 5  | 9 | 6  | 19 | 30 | 28  |
| Queens Pk   | 39 | 3  | 6 | 10 | 24 | 39 | 23  |

#### SECOND DIVISION

|               | HOME |    |   |    |    |    | AWAY |   |    |    |    |    |    |     |
|---------------|------|----|---|----|----|----|------|---|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
|               | P    | W  | D | L  | F  | A  | Pts  | P | W  | D  | L  | F  | A  | Pts |
| Brechin       | 39   | 13 | 5 | 2  | 46 | 17 | 55   | 8 | 3  | 31 | 21 | 55 |    |     |
| Midbank       | 39   | 13 | 2 | 4  | 37 | 20 | 46   | 6 | 4  | 27 | 25 | 54 |    |     |
| Arbroath      | 39   | 14 | 4 | 2  | 45 | 23 | 46   | 7 | 3  | 9  | 33 | 28 | 49 |     |
| Forfar        | 39   | 8  | 9 | 2  | 31 | 16 | 33   | 3 | 7  | 27 | 22 | 48 |    |     |
| String Alb.   | 39   | 12 | 5 | 2  | 35 | 17 | 46   | 6 | 5  | 22 | 24 | 46 |    |     |
| East Fife     | 39   | 8  | 5 | 6  | 35 | 20 | 46   | 6 | 6  | 33 | 23 | 43 |    |     |
| Queen of Sth. | 39   | 8  | 6 | 4  | 44 | 30 | 42   | 9 | 2  | 8  | 31 | 25 | 42 |     |
| Cwmbeath      | 39   | 10 | 4 | 5  | 35 | 25 | 38   | 8 | 9  | 19 | 28 | 38 |    |     |
| Berwick       | 39   | 6  | 7 | 5  | 25 | 30 | 36   | 7 | 3  | 10 | 22 | 30 | 36 |     |
| Albion R.     | 39   | 10 | 2 | 8  | 29 | 23 | 34   | 4 | 11 | 26 | 43 |    |    |     |
| Stnsmuir      | 39   | 4  | 8 | 8  | 22 | 33 | 29   | 3 | 7  | 9  | 21 | 33 | 29 |     |
| Stranraer     | 39   | 6  | 4 | 10 | 21 | 32 | 27   | 3 | 3  | 12 | 25 | 47 | 27 |     |
| E. Stirling   | 39   | 4  | 4 | 12 | 20 | 38 | 3    | 5 | 11 | 21 | 41 | 23 |    |     |
| Montrose      | 39   | 5  | 2 | 12 | 18 | 33 | 3    | 4 | 13 | 19 | 53 | 22 |    |     |



# Captain Fantastic

## Mullen leads the way to promotion hat-trick



Jimmy Mullen — the man with the 'Midas Touch'.

IF you want promotion from the Third Division then Jimmy Mullen's your man.

He's proved to be 'Captain Fantastic' when it comes to achieving that feat.

Three times in the past four seasons he has led different teams into Division Two, his latest success coming with Cardiff City in his first full season at Ninian Park.

It's a remarkable record, but one Jimmy hopes won't be extended for a while, as he hopes to stay in the Second Division a little longer this time.

The 'Midas Touch' began in season 1979-80 when, as club captain, Sheffield Wednesday returned to Division Two, although Jimmy himself played only 14 games.

The following season he was back in the Third again, this time leading Rotherham to the Championship after being captured on a free transfer by Ian

Porterfield to do just that.

And now he's completed his 'hat-trick' with Cardiff, manager Len Ashurst obviously believing Jimmy's influence and experience was well worth a £10,000 investment last summer, after a brief spell on loan.

But, according to the successful skipper, it's getting a lot harder to get out of the Third Division.

"Winning promotion this season with Cardiff was the hardest of the three although we were always confident from the outset that we could bounce straight back after relegation last season.

"The quality of the teams in the Third is improving all the time and therefore it's now much harder to get out than it was when Sheffield Wednesday went up in 1980.

"I remember people writing off Cardiff after we had lost at home to Wrexham on the opening day of the season, but that was foolish. We had six or seven new players in

the side and we had to have time to knit together.

"We had our setbacks on the way, but we always seemed to bounce straight back.

"The shock home defeat by non-League Weymouth in the FA Cup did us a power of good.

"We received some bad press after that result, but we knew we had let our fans down without being told. That result was as good as a kick up the backside to us.

"But we had the right qualities to achieve promotion from the Third. You must have a sound defence and build from there. If you aren't conceding many goals and work hard for each other, then you always have a chance.

"People like top scorer Jeff Hemmerman, Roger Gibbins in midfield, and young John Lewis have done well, and I reckon our young goalkeeper Andrew Dibble has a very bright future.

"I know Cardiff struggled in the Second for several years before going down, but the manager has rebuilt the squad, and I'm sure we can more than hold our own next season."

It's rather ironical that Jimmy passes his previous club Rotherham who are coming down after just two seasons in Division Two.

"It's a shame really. I had a wonderful season there when we won the title, but I was out of action for a couple of months early on, and then couldn't get back into a side that was winning.

"I went to Cardiff on loan for the last two months of the season, and I had no real hesitation in signing on a permanent basis."



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# BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP



Trevor Francis — "We must go out and put the record straight against Scotland."

**CHARLIE** Nicholas can be Scotland's darling against England at Wembley.

A lot will be expected of the free-scoring striker who ten days ago set off a transfer cavalry charge, when he announced his intention to quit Celtic.

But Scotland's midfield ace John Wark believes the young 'prince' — scorer of 50 goals last season — can be the key man on the night.

"If anyone can turn the game for us then it's Charlie," says John.

"It is likely that my Ipswich team-mates, Russell Osman and Terry Butcher, will be in the English defence and I think Charlie could cause them one or two problems.

"Terry and Russell don't like players running at them and that is probably Charlie's greatest asset... so it looks like being an interesting confrontation.

"I had heard a lot of the Celtic star, but didn't have first hand knowledge until I played alongside him when he made his debut against Switzerland. And it didn't take me long to realise he has class.

"He really impressed me in that game and the goal he scored was something special. He could be the man to do the damage against England."

The Scots beat England the last time they visited Wembley two years ago and John is confident of a repeat performance.

He says: "If we play to our full potential, I don't see why we can't beat them. We've certainly got the players to do it... it all depends on how we perform on the day.

"Our problem has always been inconsistency. One minute we can be brilliant and the next, we're diabolical.

"If we could get it together over 90 minutes, there are few countries who would beat us."

Scotland have lost only once in the last three internationals at Wembley. That was in 1979

# Clap Here

when England won 3-1.

John scored his side's only goal and he still remembers the game vividly. "We were 1-0 up for a time but really let it slip in the second half," he says.

"It was only my second international and it was a marvellous experience playing in front of 100,000 ecstatic fans — the majority of which were Scottish.

"England v Scotland games are so much more special than most other internationals and I'm really looking forward to this one.

"It's been a somewhat disappointing season for me at club level and so this game is my cup final. Hopefully I can score again and this time end up on the winning side."

Before Scotland take on England they have to play the Welsh at Cardiff. "That's always a difficult fixture, especially playing in Wales on a smaller pitch," says John.

"But, although Wales have been doing well in the European Championship, I think we can gain a victory which will send us into the England game in good spirits."

The Scots are bound to have massive support at Wembley, but Italian based star Trevor Francis believes England can overcome both the fans and Charlie Nicholas on the night.

"I have heard a lot of Charlie and by all accounts he's a pretty lethal finisher, but I've yet to see him in action and I hope he plays against us.

"Scotland beat us two years ago at Wembley and although we turned the tables on them at Hampden last year, we must go out and put the record straight next Wednesday night," says Trevor.

"It will be a very hard game — they all are, against Scotland — and it will be played with the usual amount of passion and determination which makes these games so special.

"They have got a strong midfield in Gordon Strachan, Graeme Souness and John Wark, but I think we can match them in that department with people like Glenn Hoddle and Bryan Robson."

England take on Northern Ireland in Belfast before the 'big one' at Wembley and Trevor believes it could be the toughest game they have had against the Irish for many years.

"They have improved no end over the last year or so, and are particularly strong in Belfast — as they showed against West Germany last year when they beat the former World champions 1-0."

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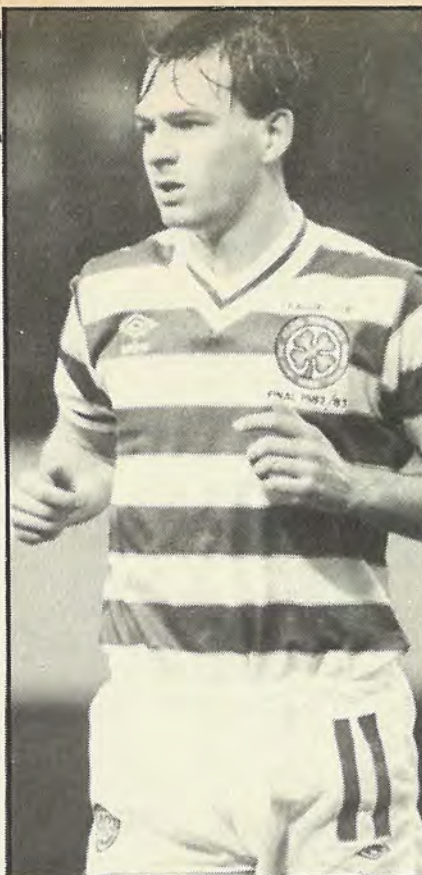
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# PREVIEW

# hands! comes Charlie NICHOLAS WILL SET WEMBLEY ALIGHT



Charlie Nicholas — "he can cause England problems at the back," says John Wark.

## 'We'll bury that Belfast bogey'

— Sammy McIlroy

BATTLE-scarred campaigner Sammy McIlroy believes Northern Ireland have their best-ever chance of laying England's Belfast 'bogey' that goes back 56 years.

The World Cup heroes are all keyed up to celebrate the fall of the English in front of their Belfast fans for the first time since 1927.

The Irish have won twice at Wembley since then, but in 22 attempts at Windsor Park the best they have managed is four draws.

So the Stoke City midfielder claims that England's day of reckoning is nigh this weekend.

"We haven't lost at Windsor Park since 1979 when England thumped us 5-1 in the European Championships, and during that time we have beaten World Cup Finalists West Germany," says Sammy, one of Ireland's most experienced players with more than sixty caps.

"And when you have beaten West Germany, then you must have confidence about beating any team in Belfast.

"I see no reason why this can't be the year that we lay that England bogey and give the Irish fans something to celebrate.

"It's certain that England won't relish coming to Belfast. It's a big occasion for the Irish and the fans create a nerve-jangling atmosphere.

"It was this passion and backing that helped carry us through the qualifying matches in the World Cup, and the fans produced it again when we defeated the Germans.

"They have waited a long, long time to see an England team beaten on Irish soil, and I see no reason why their big day shouldn't come this Saturday.

"It's impossible to single out who'll be the key men on the day because England have enough quality players to select three different teams, while we do well if we manage to scrape together a squad of 18.

"With two matches at home, I see no reason why we couldn't collect our second British Championship success in the space of three years.

"That would be a great boost for Irish football in general, but we would probably swop that for a victory over England."

## LAST TEN CLASHES

### ENGLAND v SCOTLAND

#### Last ten meetings

1973 (Wembley) — England 1 (Peters), Scotland 0  
1974 (Glasgow) — England 0, Scotland 2 (Jordan, Todd og)  
1975 (Wembley) England 5 (Francis 2, Beattie, Bell, Johnson), Scotland 1 (Rioch pen)  
1976 (Glasgow) — Scotland 2 (Masson, Dalglish), England 1 (Channon)  
1977 (Wembley) — England 1 (Channon pen), Scotland 2 (McQueen, Dalglish)  
1978 (Glasgow) — Scotland 0, England 1 (Coppell)  
1979 (Wembley) — England 3 (Barnes, Coppell, Keegan), Scotland 1 (Wark)  
1980 (Glasgow) — Scotland 0, England 2 (Brooking, Coppell)  
1981 (Wembley) — England 0, Scotland 1 (Robertson pen)  
1982 (Glasgow) — Scotland 0, England 1 (Mariner)

### WALES v SCOTLAND

#### Last ten meetings

1975 (Cardiff) — Wales 2 (Toshack, Flynn), Scotland 2 (Jackson, Rioch)  
1976 (Glasgow) — Scotland 3 (Pettigrew, Rioch, Gray E), Wales 1 (Griffiths pen)  
1977\* (Glasgow) — Scotland 1 (Evans og), Wales 0  
1977 (Wrexham) — Wales 0, Scotland 0  
1977\* (Liverpool) — Wales 0, Scotland 2 (Masson pen, Dalglish)  
1978 (Glasgow) — Scotland 1 (Johnstone), Wales 1 (Donachie og)  
1979 (Cardiff) — Wales 3 (Toshack 3), Scotland 0  
1980 (Glasgow), Scotland 1 (Miller), Wales 0  
1981 (Swansea) — Wales 2 (Walsh 2), Scotland 0  
1982 (Glasgow) — Scotland 1 (Hartford), Wales 0  
\* denotes World Cup qualifying matches

### NORTHERN IRELAND v ENGLAND

#### Last ten meetings

1974 (Wembley) — England 1 (Weller), N. Ireland 0  
1975 (Belfast) — N. Ireland 0, England 0  
1976 (Wembley) — England 4 (Channon 2 (1 pen), Francis, Pearson), N. Ireland 0  
1977 (Belfast) — N. Ireland 1 (McGrath), England 2 (Channon, Tueart)  
1978 (Wembley) — England 1 (Neal), N. Ireland 0  
1979\* (Wembley) — England 4 (Latchford 2, Keegan, Watson), N. Ireland 0  
1979\* (Belfast) — N. Ireland 0, England 2 (Watson, Coppell)  
1979\* (Belfast) — N. Ireland 1 (Moreland pen), England 5 (Francis 2, Woodcock 2, J Nicholl og)  
1980 (Wembley) — England 1 (Brotherston og), N. Ireland 1 (Cochrane)  
1982 (Wembley) — England 4 (Robson, Keegan, Wilkins, Hoddle), N. Ireland 0  
\* denotes European Championship qualifying matches

### NORTHERN IRELAND v WALES

#### Last ten meetings

1972 (Wrexham) — Wales 0, N. Ireland 0  
1973 (Everton) — N. Ireland (Hamilton), Wales 0  
1974 (Wrexham) — Wales 1 (Smallman), N. Ireland 0  
1975 (Belfast) — N. Ireland 1 (Finney), Wales 0  
1976 (Swansea) — Wales 1 (James L), N. Ireland 0  
1977 (Belfast) — N. Ireland 1 (Nelson), Wales 1 (Deacy)  
1978 (Wrexham) — Wales 1 (Deacy pen), N. Ireland 0  
1979 (Belfast) — N. Ireland 1 (Spence), Wales 1 (James R)  
1980 (Cardiff) — Wales 0, N. Ireland 1 (Brotherston)  
1982 (Wrexham) — Wales 3 (Curtis, Rush, Nicholas), N. Ireland 0

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Played: 97, Scotland won 58, Wales won 17, Drawn 22. Goals: Scotland 233, Wales 108.

**NORTHERN IRELAND v WALES** (Tuesday May 31)  
Played: 88, Wales won 41, Ireland won 27, Drawn 20. Goals: Wales 179, Ireland 125.

**ENGLAND v SCOTLAND** (Wednesday June 1)  
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